

POST OFFICES OF PRE-CONFEDERATION NEWFOUNDLAND



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FOREWORD

Purpose of this book is to trace the history of the Newfoundland Post Office through the use of illustrating the various markings used. Also included will be a general outline of the particular office in regards to location by bay and map reference, population, opening and closing, postmasters and general information. Various references will appear in the appendices regarding movement of the mail by the coastal boats and distribution by rail.

Please take note that this entire undertaking is devoted to the post offices of towns and outports only. There will be NO St. John's markings. A very brief outline of the Labrador offices is to be expected.

This is an ongoing project and basically is a WORKBOOK. I expect all of those empty spaces to be filled with YOUR copious notes and graphics AND later relayed to Malcolm Back

Also take note that throughout the book there may be strikes shown, mostly split ring, with Canadian stamps showing Post-Confederation dates. These will be used to illustrate unknown (to me) non proof postmarks. Unknown proofs and strikes may exist in other people's collections. When stated, this means unknown to me.

The isolation of the average Newfoundland outport was to the extent that St. John's and the rest of the world hardly existed in the minds of the people. Their only connection to that outside world were the coastal boats and for the fortunate few, the railway.

The relative scarcity of postmarks from these outports is due to many factors. The size of the community and open period determined the amount of mail dispatched. The amount of covers that survived and how many were left after the diligent philatelists of the world were finished with their scissors and saucer of water was, perhaps the greatest tragedy. The remains (with the postmark) were conveniently consigned to the woodstove. Many inhabitants were illiterate and required the aid of the local Minister/Priest or school teacher (when one was available) to answer any correspondence. Most had no cash money whatsoever, even the 3 or 5 cents required for a postage stamp. The lion's share of the outgoing mail was from the merchant to the bigger merchants of St. John's. One advantage of that was the remaining covers are heavily slanted towards Corner Cards.

Confusion reigns supreme over the naming of Newfoundland outports. From 1904 until 1931, no fewer than 121 locations, most with post offices, changed their names. This, coupled with a few names that have two or more locations can lead to much searching through the various reference sources.

Two questions that have had me baffled since my study of Newfoundland town cancels are:

In 1931, at least half or possibly more post offices closed on the same year. The 1931 Year Book and Almanac does not substantiate this. Was this due to the previous research not being carried any further OR was it due to fiscal restraint on behalf of the government, which went bankrupt shortly before?

Exactly how much of the Newfoundland Post Office records were destroyed by the Canada Post Office after being turned over after Confederation?

AND NOW WE BEGIN! All errors, conjectures and omissions are solely the author's fault and responsibility.

All input into this work before and after is gratefully accepted. Credit will be duly given.

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IMPORTANT

Due to copyright restrictions, I am unable to offer the map sections. Those wishing to use these for reference may do so by buying the book "*ATLANTIC CANADA BACK ROAD ATLAS*" by Map Art Publishing. This is available at any book store in the Atlantic Provinces at \$10- If living outside the area try: Map Art Publishing Corp. 70 Bloor St. East Oshawa Ont. L1H 3M2

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Sorry for the inconvenience.

DEDICATION

Dedicated to the memory of John G. Butt.
His departure has left a significant gap in Newfoundland postal history studies.

John's notes and references and some of his material are the framework on which I am building and expanding to understand the Pre-Confederation Newfoundland Post Office and its impact on the people.

None of this would have happened without the generous contributions and moral support of Sammy Whaley. Sammy had the original John Butt pages and some of the material. I had the knowledge of Newfoundland, extensive research holdings, the prior experience of writing about postal history andThe Time!! ERGO...an exchange was made between Sammy and I. The notes and material (for specific book illustrations) for my penning a tome and with over 1100 different post offices it will indeed be a tome!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The lion's share of the original research was carried out by Palmer Moffat and contributors in the early editions of the "Newfie Newsletter," a BNAPS study group.

I made good use of additional research from the records of the Colonial Office in London. This was done by Brian Stalker of England who, generously sent me a CD of his copious notes. I am profoundly in debt to Brian for his assistance. Others who assisted greatly in this project were Doug Hannan, Murray Smith, John Oldford and Bob Soper. Thanks Guys !

Last, but by no means least, were the only lads in all of Newfoundland who had a clue where to locate the 5 Fermeuses, 9 Foxes, 9 Bays, all of the Seal Coves and God knows how many Bays. The whole system would have broken down if it were not for the following gentlemen: Andrew Goobie, Frederick Bursey, John Pearse, Frank House, Augustus Campbell, Kenneth Bradley, Abia Purchase, Leslie Coultas, James Jackman, Cyril Lush, Thomas Grant, Ford Manuel, Samson Brushett, George Nicholl, James Crickard and Patrick Whalen. These people were the Assorters at the GPO in St. John's and they knew where the mail was going!

NEWFOUNDLAND MISSING LOCATIONS

These locations have NO proofs or strikes that I have seen. Only marks from Pre-Confederation hammers. i.e. split rings, NEWF'D CDS and Ovals, Box wavy and dotted and double circles and Registered gummed labels. The aforementioned with Post-Confederation dates are perfectly acceptable.

Abrahams Cove	Deer Island BURGEO	Long Cove SWA
Adeytown	Flat Rock BDV	Long Harbour FB
Admirals Beach	Fox Cove Bonavista	Long Pond
Admirals Cove SS	Fox Roost	Loreburn
Alder Harbour	Foxtrap	Lower Amherst Cove
Apsey Brook	Frenchmans Cove BOI	Lower Cove
Apsey Point	Gaultois Islands	Lower Lance Cove
Arch & Garden Coves	Gaulton Island	Lumsden North
Aspen Cove	Glovertown South	Macdale
Avondale North	Goddenville	Maddox Cove
Batteau	Golden Bay	Maidstone Valley
Bauline	Goobies Siding	Mainland
Bay de L'eau	Grand Bay Charm	Main River
Bay D'Espoir	Great Jervois	Man(n) Point
Bay du Nord	Great Paradise	Manuels Brook
Beaumont North	Ha Ha Bay	McCarthys
Beaver Cove	Harbour Island	Michaels Harbour
Beaverton	Harbour Round	Middle Amherst Cove
Bell Island Front	Hare Bay SWA	Middle Arm GB
Bellevue	Hay Cove	Middle Arm WB
Biscayan Cove	Head of Notre Dame Bay	Monkstown
Blackhead St.Johns W.	Holletts Cove	Mooring Cove
Boat Harbour North East	Hopeall	Muddy Hole
Bonne Bay Hare Bay	Horse Cove	Mussel Pond
Bradleys Cove	Howards	New Burn Cove
Briens Stand	Humber Canal	Newtown Holyrood
Brigus Cross Roads	Indian Harbour PB	Noggin Cove
Broad Cove B B	Irishtown	North Arm
Broad Cove Renews	Isle Galet	North East Cove
Broad Cove T B	Ivanhoe	North Island
Broads	Jean De Bay	Offer Wadham Islands
Brooms Cove	Jumpers Brook	Old Bonaventure
BurgEO Placentia Bay	Kearley's Harbour	Old Ferrolle
Burn(s) Cove	Kings Cove St.B.	Outer Cove (Road)
Burnt Island Placentia	Kings Cove SS	Paradise Hr. Main
Cape Shore	Lakeview	Parker's Cove
Cat Harbour Point	Lamaline East	Peckfords
Champneys West	Lancaster	Peddleton
Chance Cove West	Lance Au Barque	Penneys Brook
Chance Harbour	L'Anse Amour	Peters Arm
Clattice South West	L'Anse Au Meadow	Pinns Brook
Clifton	Lear's Cove	Pipers Hole
Clode Sound	Lewisporte Branch	Placentia Junction
Crawleys Island	Lewisporte North	Plate Cove East
Creek	Lewiston	Plate Cove West
Cuckolds Cove	Little Bay HB	Point La Haye
Cul De Sac East	Little Beaver Cove	Point Lance
Cutwell Harbour	Little Fogo Island	Prowseton
Deer Island Burgeo	Little Harbor East FB	Queenstown
Delbys Cove	Little Small Point	Quirpon Great
Dog Bay	Lock's Cove	Ragged Harbour
Duggans Cove	Long Cove TB	Rantern Station

Reefs Harbour
Renews South Side
Riverhead Salmonier
Rock Harbour NP
Roddickton Mills
Rosedale
Sailors Island
Salmon Cove West
Sampsons Island
Sandy Harbour
Sandy Point TB
Scio
Seal Bay
Shalloway Cove
Ship Cove PauP
Ship Cove Tr
Ships Cove
Shoal Bay BB
Shoal Bay TB
Shoe Cove Bight
Smiths Harbour
Snooks Harbour
Somerset
Sops Island
South East Bight
South West Arm NDB
South West Bridge
Spaniards Cove
Spoon Cove CB
Squid Tickle
Stanleyville
Stephenville Cross Rds.
Stock Cove
Sunday Cove Island
Swan Harbour
Sweet Bay N A
Sydney Cove
St. Anns
St. Augustine
St. Michaels
St. Michael's Harbour
St. Patrick
St. Pauls
St. Veronica
Thimble Ticks
Thornlea
Turks Gut
Upper Ferry
Upper Island Cove
Voys Beach
Webbers Bight
Western Head
Western Plate Cove
Whales Brook
Whales Gulch
Woodfords

Woodfords Station

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MAIL DISTRIBUTION

Except for Buchans and Millertown, the interior of Newfoundland was completely uninhabited; few roads. Settlements were on the coast or the railway line. The coastal boats moved the mail efficiently but could not function during the winter months and a courier system was in use for this period. A typical year schedule for these boats was May 01 to December 31. All mail boats had an onboard postal clerk and various T.P.O. handstamps are seen. The following is a description of the coastal boat routes. All schedules are from 1931 Year Book and Almanac.

- **FOGO DISTRICT**

S.S. HOME from St. John's to Fogo Island and Change Islands once a week. Mail clerk was E. J. Dominy.

- **WHITE BAY**

S.S. EARL OF DEVON from Lewisporte to Flowers Cove. Fortnightly trips calling at: Exploits, Little Bay Islands, Nippers Harbor, La Scie, Harbor Round, Pacquet, Woodstock, Mings Bight, Coachmans Cove, Fleur de Lys, Horse Islands, Wild Cove, Seal Cove, Bear Cove, Western Arm, Westport, Browns Arm, Hampden, Sops Arm, Jacksons Arm, Coney Arm, Little Harbor Deep, Great Harbor Deep, Williamsport, Hooping Harbor, Canada Harbor, Englee, Conche, Crouse, St. Juliens, Fischot Islands, Ireland Bight, Goose Cove, St. Anthony, Great Brehat, Griquet, Quirpon, Ship Cove, Raleigh, Cooks Harbor, Green Island Cove, Sandy Cove, Savage Cove and Flowers Cove.

Mails close at Lewisporte on alternate Tuesdays. The mail clerk was H. S. Hillier.

- **BATTLE HARBOR and HUMBERMOUTH**

S.S. SAGONA leaves Humbermouth (Corner Brook) every Wednesday for: Curling, Lark Harbor, Trout River, Bonne Bay, Norris Point, Lomond, Rocky Harbor, Cow Head, Parsons Pond, Daniels Harbor, Port Saunders, Hawkes Harbor, Port au Choix, St. Johns Island, Bartletts Harbour, New Ferrole, Brig Bay, St. Barbe, Flowers Cove, Blanc Sablon, Forteau, L'anse au Loup, West St. Modeste, Red Bay, Henley Harbor, Chateau, Cape St. Charles and Battle Harbor. Mails close at Humbermouth on Tuesdays.

- **NORTHERN COASTAL**

S.S. PROSPERO leaves St. John's on alternate Wednesdays, calling at: Bay de Verde, Trinity, Port Union, Catalina, Kings Cove, Greenspond, Seldom Come By, Fogo, Change Islands, Herring Neck, Twillingate, Moretons Harbor, Exploits, Fortune Harbor, Leading Tickles, Pilleys Island, Little Bay Islands, Springdale, Little Bay, Nippers Harbor, Tilt Cove, La Scie, Coachmans Cove, Harbor Deep, Williamsport, Hooping Harbor, Canada Harbor, Paquet, Seal Cove, Bear Cove, Westport, Hampden, Ship Cove, Raleigh, Englee, Conche, St. Juliens, St. Anthony, Griquet, Quirpon, Cooks Harbor. The mail clerk was Walter Bishop.

- **SOUTH AND WEST COAST SERVICE**

S.S. PORTIA leaves Argentia on alternate Wednesdays calling at: St. Marys, St. Josephs, Burin, Lawn, Lamaline, Fortune, Grand Bank, Garnish, St. Bernards, Bay L'Argent, Rencontre, Belloram, St. Jaques, English Harbor, Mose Ambrose, Boxey, Coombs Cove, Millers Passage, Little Bay West, Jersey Harbor, Harbor Breton, Seal Cove, Pass Island, Hermitage, Gaultois, Pushthrough, McCallum, Rencontre West, Cape La Hune, Ramea, Isle Aux Mortes and Port Aux Basques.

S.S. GLENCOE leaves Argentia on alternate Wednesdays between PORTIA's sailings, calling at: Marystown, Burin, St. Lawrence, Fortune, Grand Bank, Garnish, Point Rosie, St. Bernards, Bay L'Argent, Little Bay East, Harbor Mille, Terrenceville, English Harbor East, Andersons Cove, Stones Cove, Rencontre, Lally Cove, Bay du Nord, Pools Cove, Belloram, St. Jaques, English Harbor, Mose Ambrose, Harbor Breton, Pass Island, Grole, Hermitage, Gaultois, Conne River, Milltown, St. Albans, Pushthrough, Rencontre West, Francois, Ramea, Burgeo, Grand Bruit, La Poile, Rose Blanche, Burnt Island and Port Aux Basques.

Mail clerk was John J. Kemp.

- **BURGEO DISTRICT**

S.S. BASQUES leaves Port Aux Basques every Monday calling at: Fox Roost, Isle Au Mortes, Burnt Island, Rose Blanche, Harbor le Cou, Petites, West Point, La Poile, Grand Bruit, Otters Point, Burgeo, Red Island, Deer Island, Fox Island and Ramea.

- **PLACENTIA BAY**

S.S. ARGYLE leaves Placentia on Monday for Lamaline and on Friday for Sound Island.

A motor boat service leaves Arnolds Cove on Tuesday for: Red Island, Harbor Buffet, Spencers Cove, Haystack, Woody Island, Sound Island, Swift Current and North Harbor. Mail clerk was John Collins.

- **ST. GEORGES DISTRICT**

S.S. BRUNSWICK leaves St. Georges on Monday for: Sandy Point, Abrahams Cove, Gravels, Campbells Creek, Ship Cove, Sheaves Cove, Cape St. George, Red Island, Mainland, Three Rock Cove, Winterhouse, Clam Bank Cove, Black Duck Brook, Long Point, West Bay, Boswarlos, Limeville, Port au Port, Fox Island River, Stephenville, Lower Cove and DeGrau.

- **BAY OF ISLANDS SERVICE**

The Bay Of Islands service, being a smaller area had a daily Monday to Saturday service with a layover on Thursday. Only a typical Monday service will be shown. S.S. GEORGE L. calls at: Curling, Summerside, Petries, Meadows, Benois Cove, Woods Island, McIvers, Coxs Cove, Brakes Cove, Penguin Arm, Goose Arm, North Arm (twice a month), Chimney Cove (once a month).

- **NOTRE DAME BAY**

S.S. CLYDE leaves Lewisporte every Friday calling at: Campbellton, Exploits, Moretons Harbour, Tizzards Harbour, Newstead, Twillingate, Herring Neck, Change Islands, Fogo, Joe Batts Arm, Summerford, Browns Arm, Boyds Cove, Horwood and Beaver Cove. Mails close Thursday 11 AM.

S.S. CLYDE also leaves Lewisporte Mondays calling at: Exploits, Point Leamington, Leading Ticks, Triton, Pilley's Island, Springdale, Port Anson, Lushes Bight, Wards Harbour, Beaumont, Little Bay Islands, Three Arms, Harrys Harbor, Jacksons Cove, Kings Point, Rattling Brook, Burlington, Nippers Harbor, Snooks Harbor, Tilt Cove and Shoe Cove.

Mails close Saturday 9 PM. Mail clerks were Stephen Penney and Lewis Northcott.

- **BONAVISTA BAY**

S.S. MALAKOFF leaves Port Blandford every Monday morning calling at: Charlottetown, Happy Adventure, Salvage, Eastport, Burnside, Glovertown, Flat Island, Gooseberry Island, St. Brendans, Braggs Island, Deer Island, Burnt Island Tickle, Fair Island, Greenspond, Pools Island, Safe Harbour, Valleyfield and Wesleyville.

S.S. MALAKOFF leaves Port Blandford on Fridays calling at: Bunyans Cove, Cannings Cove, Musgravetown, Brooklyn, Portland, Jamestown, Sweet Bay, Princeton, Summerville, Plate Cove, Open Hall, Keels, Broad Cove, Kings Cove, Newmans Cove and Bonavista.

Mails are also dispatched by motor ferry from Gambo every Friday morning in Summer to: Hare Bay, Wellington, Shamblers Cove, Burnt Island Tickle, Greenspond, Pools Island, Wesleyville and Newtown.

- **TRINITY BAY**

S.S. SUSU leaves Clarendville every Monday morning for: Lady Cove, Hickmans Harbor, Deer Harbor, Ivanhoe, Thoroughfare, Britannia, White Rock, Monroe, Burgoyne's Cove, Ireland's Eye, British Harbor, Bonaventure, Trinity, Port Rexton, Champneys, Port Union, Brownsdale, New Melbourne, New Chelsea, Hants Harbor, Winterton, New Perlican, Hearts Content, St. Jones Without, Southport, Little Hearts Ease, Hodges Cove, Long Beach, Hillview, St. Jones Within, Hickmans Harbor, Lady Cove arriving Clarendville and leaving again Friday calling at same places in reverse order. Mail clerk was Edgar T. King.

THE LANDLINE

WAGON

For Portugal Cove and Bell Island every day except Sunday at 12 noon.

For St. Philips and Freshwater Valley. Daily at 12 noon from May 01 to October 01.

Weekly at 12 noon Nov. 01 to April 30.

For Torbay, Pouch Cove and Cape St. Francis. Daily at 12 noon.

THE RAILWAY

The railway was the fastest and most efficient way of sending the mail. There were two cross country trains per day from St. John's to Port Aux Basques. Both trains carried a mail car. The following were railway mail clerks during the 1920s/1930s: W.P. Squires, Abram Parsons, Alex. Williams, Stan. Adams, John Baird, P.J. Hickey, Gus Norberg, Giles Smith, J.J. Fowler, J. Curtis, W. J. Hogarth, Tobias LeDrew, John Legge, John A. Butt, Chas. Cramm, Jas. J. Davis, Howard Cutler, Eleazar Hicks, Justin McCarthy, James French and Herbert Angel.

The following post offices would have been on the main line at one time or other. Donovans, Paradise, Topsail, Manuels, Foxtrap, Kelligrews, Upper Gullies, Seal Cove (Harbor Main), Woodfords, Holyrood, Harbor Main, Chapels Cove, Avondale, Brigus Junction, Mahers Siding, Whitbourne, Placentia Junction, Rantem Station, Arnolds Cove Station, Goobies Siding, Northern Bight, Clarendville, Port Blandford, Terra Nova, Alexander Bay Station, Gambo, Benton, Glenwood, Notre Dame Junction, Norris Arm, Bishops Falls, Grand Falls, Windsor, Badger, Millertown Junction, Quarry, Gaff Topsail, Howley, Main Dam, Grand Lake, Deer Lake, Little Harbor, Pinns Brook, Pasadena, South Brook, Humbermouth, Corner Brook, Curling, Petries, Spruce Brook, Harrys Brook, Stephenville Crossing, Main River, Nardinnis, St. Georges, Robinsons Station, Cartyville, Crabbes Station/Crabbes East, St. Fintans, Codroy Pond, South Branch, Doyles, Tompkins, St. Andrews, Cape Ray, Port aux Basques.

THE VARIOUS TYPES OF TOWN DATE STAMPS

The evolution of the steel devices closely paralleled that of Canada, with two notable exceptions. This would be understandable as all of Newfoundland's split ring and CDS daters were made by the firm of Pritchard and Andrews who, also manufactured the supply for the Canada Post Office.

The development of the rubber instruments, differed from their mainland counterparts. These came from another company. Whether produced locally or abroad, the manufacturer(s) remain unknown.

• THE STEEL DEVICES

The first series were manufactured from brass and made in England. All strikes remain in the GPO proof book. In design, they were identical to those in use in the other North American "colonies." The exception being no colony name on the bottom. They were issued in pairs, with one having "PAID" on the bottom of the double ring. All were 25 mm in diameter with gothic typeface in a double split ring format.

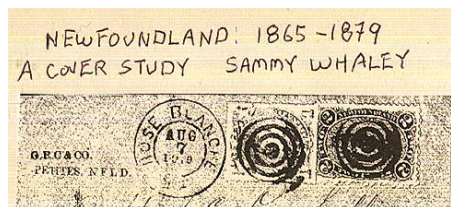
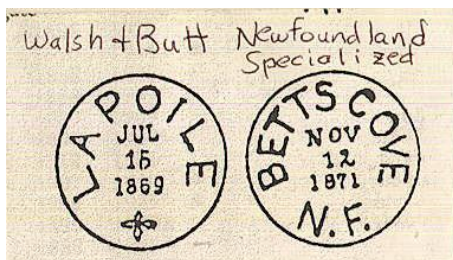
The order was placed for the following towns: Bay Bulls, Beloram, Brigus, Burin, Carbonear, Fogo, Ferryland, Garnish, Greenspond, Harbor Britain, Harbor Grace, Hearts Content, Holyrood, Isle Of Valen, Kings Cove, New Perlican, Oderin, Placentia, Salmonier, St. Marys, St. Johns (Newfoundland), Trepassey, Trinity and Twillingate. The following are known only by proof strikes and may have not been placed into service:

Beloram, Bonavista, Hearts Content, Holyrood, Isle Of Valen, New Perlican, Oderin, St. Marys, Salmonier and Trepassey. Both Bonavista and New Perlican have recently been "rediscovered."



• THE "FANCY" DEVICES

Very little is known concerning these marks other than they do exist. The period of use was from the late 1860s to the early 1870s. Most of these had an ornament in the lower part. The majority of known strikes are usually on stamps only. Six locations are known to have used the "Fancies": Betts Cove, Channell, Ferryland, Fortune, La Poile and Placentia. One other device, that of Rose Blanche, consisted of a double circle and very much resembled the concurrent postmark of St. Pierre and Miquelon.



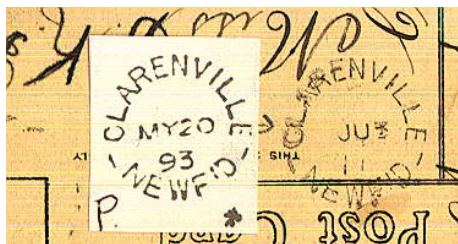
• THE DUPLEXES

Only one Pritchard and Andrews Type “A” duplex was used in St. John’s during the early 1900s and thus has no bearing on this study unless used as a backstamp. During the same period, 1900-1910, other duplexes were issued to some of the outports. This instrument resembled the Canadian Type “B” with an oval obliterator. But, it was definitely not of P&A manufacture. Newfoundland is spelled out in full and there is a three line date indicia as well as a comma after the placename. The manufacturer is unknown, however, I have seen similar style date stamps used from the Boston Mass. area in the same general time frame. This would indicate that they were from American suppliers. Eleven locations plus one more suspect used this style of duplex: Avondale, Campbellton, Corner Brook, Hodges Cove, Lance Cove, Loon Bay, Norris Arm, Norris Point, St. Shotts, Tizzards Harbor and Traytown. Recently, a suspicious looking partial strike from Lushes Bight also indicates that another has been “discovered”. With the possible exception of Corner Brook, most strikes of the others are poor or light.



• THE SPLIT RINGS

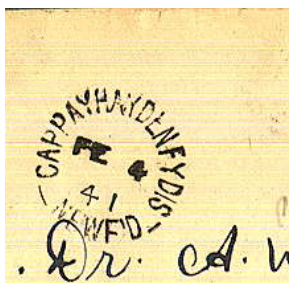
All Newfoundland’s split ring devices made by Pritchard and Andrews and many are in the P&A proof books. A separate proof list also exists in the Colin Bayley collection. The manufacture of this type for Canada was discontinued circa 1933/1934 but continued for Newfoundland up to 1947. Many locations used more than one split ring over the period of time that the office was open. This is borne out by the proof books as well as over 70 others that I have seen. Note that many used the “Bay” designation in one or another.



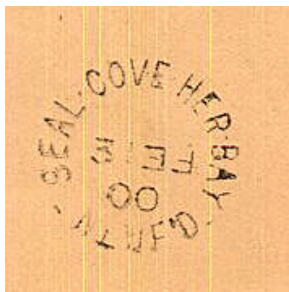
Often there would be a significant difference in short forms, e.g. HR. for Harbour or apostrophe placement etc., as is shown in two different from Richards Harbour. Also, as is shown in nearly all split rings from the same place, the lengths of arc of the split ring.



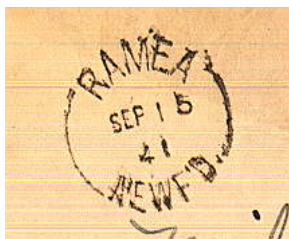
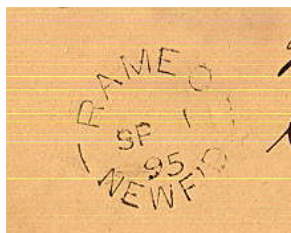
Newfoundland never had counties, only broad based districts for political purposes. The following two examples are: Belburns St. B Dis for St. Barbe District and Cappahayden Fy Dis for Ferryland District.



Another problem was the number of post offices bearing the same name. Seal Cove was a favourite, with four offices having that name. The routing dilemma was solved once more with the bay designations. Seal Cove HR. MAIN was in Conception Bay while Seal Cove HER. Bay was in Hermitage Bay and Seal Cove WB was in White Bay. Simple isn't it ?



There were also the inevitable spelling errors, such as RameO for RameA.

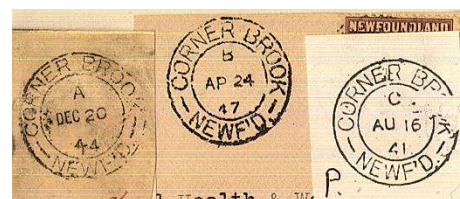


• THE CIRCULAR DATE STAMPS

It would appear that all of Newfoundland's CDS hammers were also made by Pritchard and Andrews, including the Corner Brook double circles. There are 50 NEWF'D CDS in the proof books. All CDS were identical in style to their Canadian counterparts. The bottom of the circle read NEWF'D as in the split rings. Post-Confederation CDS read NFLD on the bottom.



Corner Brook double circle (actually a split ring within a double circle) remains unique. There may have been three separate hammers. It is not known if the letters A, B and C were fixed or interchangeable. The "A" hammer is definitely different from the other two, with narrower spacing between the two circles and longer lengths of arc. The C hammer is a proof strike. All three have been found used on cover, including one with no letter at all.



• THE ROLLERS

All rollers were of the horizontal eight bar P&A style but with NEWF'D after the place name. There are nine locations listed in NSSC. I have seen five more not on that list. It is possible that many if not all locations receiving a NEWF'D CDS hammer also got a roller. Quirpon is in that category.



- **THE RUBBER DEVICES**

Rubber devices that were used in Newfoundland were similar in style to some lesser known date stampers of Canada. The three main types were: a double lined Oval, a rectangular Box and a double lined circle. During the 1920s and 1930s they were sometimes in use more frequently than their split ring counterparts and are frequently seen in coloured ink.

- **THE DOUBLE LINE OVALS**

This style comes in three main types. The earliest had the place name on top and Newfoundland on the bottom. These were in use circa 1900 to 1905.



A second type appeared later and was in use from about 1905 until 1920. This marking had POST OFFICE on the top and location followed by a comma on the bottom.



The third and commonly seen type was the Postal Telegraphs Oval. These show up from many locations that also had a telegraph connection. In the majority of cases, the telegraph operator was also the Postmaster and the rubber instrument was used concurrently with the steel date stamp. These markings are frequently in colour. On top was POSTAL TELEGRAPHS and on the bottom, location, a comma and NFLD. The location name is found in either Gothic or Serif typeface. A few differed, in that the top read H.M. CUSTOMS.

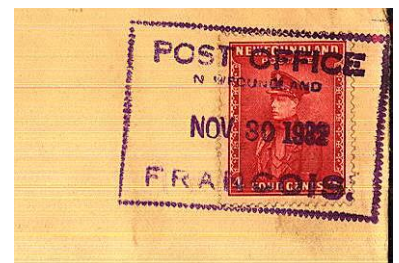


A few locations used this type with a serrated outer rim as shown.



- **THE BOX CANCELS**

All box cancels had similar wording with POST OFFICE NEWFOUNDLAND on the top and location on the bottom. This type of marking was in use basically throughout the 1930s. There were two distinct forms used by a number of the larger offices and a very few locations had both types in use. The first was the Dotted Line rim.



The second was the Wavy Line rim.

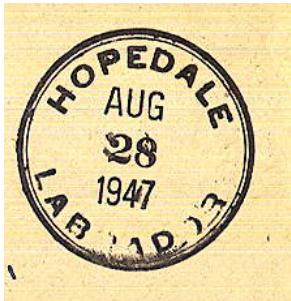
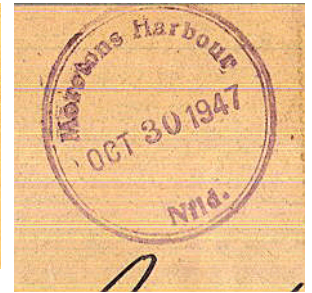
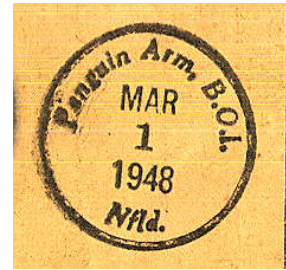
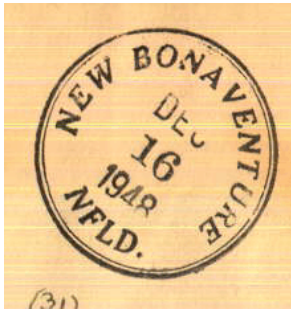


- **THE LARGE DOUBLE CIRCLES**

This rubber device was used in a very large number of locations from 1940 up to and after Confederation in 1949. There are minor differences in overall diameter, probably due to rubber stretch. The major differences are in the typefaces used. There is Gothic upper case and Italics in both upper and lower case. The bottom now reads NFLD in lieu of NEWF'D. Shown below are a few examples of the various typefaces in use.

Italic upper case

Italic lower case



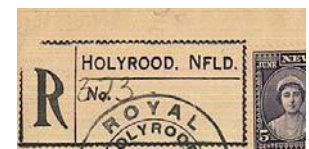
- **THE STRAIGHT LINES**

Some covers and pieces will be seen with only a straight line handstamp with or without a date. The time period can only be guessed at by noting the stamp. It is possible that these devices were used for facing slips or correspondence with the GPO in St. John's.



- **THE REGISTRATION BOXES**

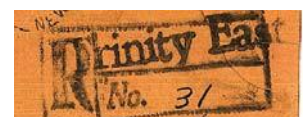
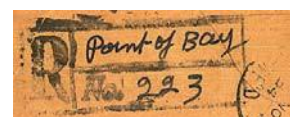
During the earlier years the ubiquitous Canadian style Oval R was in use at the smaller offices. A named, wavy line box was used at St. John's, Harbour Grace and Holyrood and possibly the larger towns.



Most locations used a nude R box with the registration ledger number. This example from Heart's Delight.



The more diligent Postmasters would always ensure (in particular if this was official correspondence) that their office name was included in manuscript or with the straight line device.



- **THE REGISTERED GUMMED LABELS**

System of Registered gummed labels was introduced July 1938 and were sent out to 48 of the larger offices. These labels appeared in two different series; the second series went through at least two different printings for some offices. The first series was a plain white label with location name in serif upper case, an R and ledger number. This issue came in sheet form and were perforated on four sides.



The second series had a blue border with location name in gothic, an R and ledger number. There were more than one printing as the same town is seen with NFLD and without. These issues came in coil form, being perforated at top and bottom.



In Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue is a page labelled as 1938 REGISTRATION GUMMED LABELS (JULY 14 *) * DATE OF ISSUE TO THESE OFFICES, issued to others when needed. Information* from 1938 postal guide. NSSC provides a list of these post offices. The 48 larger offices receiving the first series are marked with an asterisk on this list.

Registered format envelopes were issued in 1938 to coincide with the gummed labels. These were available in four different sizes. Example shown of the gummed label affixed to a Registered format envelope.



- **THE RAILWAY TICKET DEVICE STAMPS**

At many smaller locations on the railway lines, the ticket agent was also the Postmaster (and could be the telegraph operator as well.) Having access to so many stamping devices an occasional mistake was inevitable. The community of Princeton on the Bonavista line was notorious for use of the "square one". Illustrated are two of the several types: N. RAILWAY and NF. RY.

An excellent source for the listing of these various railway ticket stamps is:

"Travelling Post Office Postmarks of Newfoundland & Labrador" by Brian Stalker.



ABRAHAM'S COVE

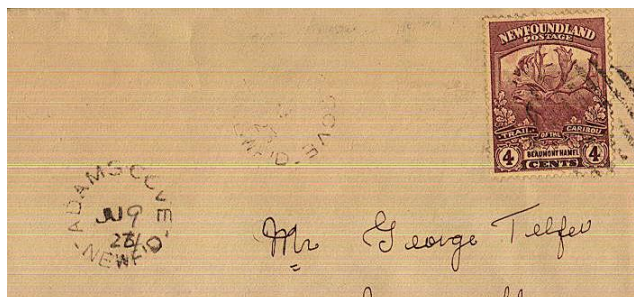
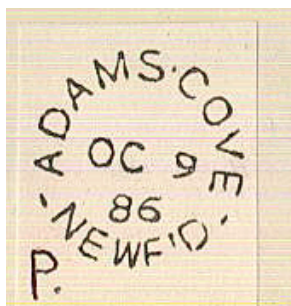
Open	1911	Closed	1945	Population	35
Bay	St. Georges	Location	Port Au Port Peninsula	Map	5 A 3
Distributing Office			Port Au Port		

First postmaster was Charles Duffy. PM in 1931 was Mrs. J.J. Bruce. Official records state that the office at Abrahams Cove was transferred to Campbells Creek (next office over) where, Mrs. Joseph McDonald was PM, on November 04 1941. Early distribution would have been by train at Stephenville Crossing via Port Au Port. Given the length of time the office was open, there may have been two split rings and possibly a double circle device. No strikes have been seen and no proofs are recorded. Nearest post office after closing was Campbell's Creek. In 1949, this location remained in the system as a telephone office only with connection to Port Au Port. After Confederation, this office reopened from 1964 to August 17 1970. A CDS strike is known from this period.

ADAMS COVE

Open	Way Office 1886; Post Office 1891; Closed 1945			Population	223
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay	Map	17 D 26
Distributing Office			Carbonear		

Waymaster and first postmaster was John Evans. PM in 1931 was Nathaniel Diamond. Early distribution by train Conception Bay Railway TPO daily Harbour Grace/Carbonear. Later distribution St.J.& Carb. Mon. Wed. Fri. 4:00 PM. Given the length of open time, there may have been two split rings and possibly a double circle. Illustrated are proof strike and same device in use. Nearest post office would have been Western Bay. After Confederation this office reopened from July 20 1962 until August 6 1970.



ADEYTOWN

Open	1912	Closed	1931	Population	100
Bay	Trinity	Location	Northwest Arm Random	Map	16 C 22
Distributing Office			Clareville		

Previously called LEE BIGHT. Postmasters were always Adeys. PM in 1931 was Mrs. J.L. Adey. Distribution was by train to Clareville and thence via courier. No proof or strike is known although a split ring should exist. Nearest post office would have been Deep Bight.

ADMIRALS BEACH

Open	1906	Closed	1931	Population	31
Bay	St. Mary's	Location		Map	20 J 24
Distributing Office			St. Joseph's Salmonier via S.S. Portia		

First Postmaster was Albin Hearn. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Hannah Hearn. No strikes or proofs are known from this office. This location was in the system as a telephone office only with connections to St. Joseph's Salmonier. Admirals Beach reopened during the Post-Confederation period from May 02 1960 to September 30 1969. A CDS strike and a MOON Y 002 seen.

ADMIRALS COVE SS

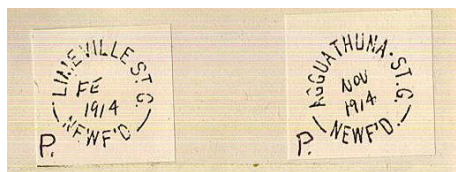
Open	1906	Closed	1931	Population	143
Bay	South Shore	Location	South Avalon "Irish Loop"	Map	21 H 27
Distributing Office		Cape Broyle			

There is some confusion between this office and another with an identical name located a mere 10 miles away. There is an Admirals Cove, Cape Broyle which, is presumably this one and also an Admirals Cove, Fermeuse. The other office is listed as Fermeuse, Admirals Cove so they will be listed that way in this book. The first Postmaster is unknown. The PM in 1931 was John Carew. The distribution was by courier from St. Johns via Cape Broyle. In 1949 this location was in the system as a telephone office only with connection to Cape Broyle as the nearest post office. No known proofs or strikes have been seen. Admirals Cove reopened Post-Confederation from April 13 1951 to August 04 1970. A CDS and a Registration box seen.

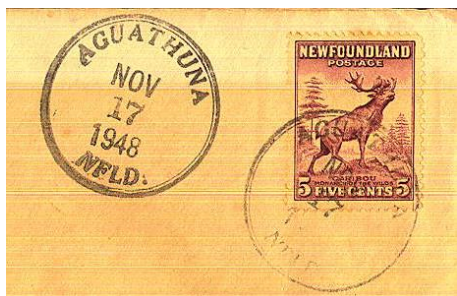
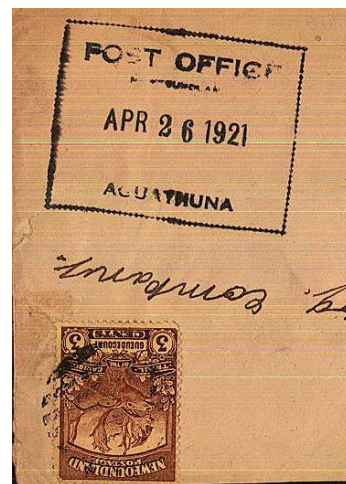
AGUATHUNA

Open	1914	Closed	Still Open	Population	143
Bay	East	Location	Port Au Port Peninsula	Map	5 Z 4
Distributing Office		Port Au Port			

Previously named LIMEVILLE due to large Limestone quarries in the vicinity. A strange situation exists here. Limeville was never recorded as a post office name, however there is a split ring proof of that name dated Feb. 1914. There is a further split ring proof named Aguathuna St. G. dated Nov. 1914. This would lead me to believe that the Limeville St. G. device was in use for nine months. The postmaster in 1931 was Jean K. Walsh who, was also telegraph operator. Distribution was daily via trains 1 and 2 from Stephenville Crossing via Port Au Port. Aguathuna was also a money order office.



split ring No. 2 ?



ALDER HARBOUR

Open	1921	Closed	1931	Population	24
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Rocky Bay Hamilton Sound	Map 10 V 21	(suspected)
Distributing Office			Carmanville		

Precise location of this office is not known. The 1931 postal guide states location as Alder Harbour, Rocky Bay, Fogo district. First PM was Hedley Monland. Postmaster in 1931 was Peter G. Hoddinott. Mail distribution was once a week by S.S. Home via Carmanville. No known proofs or strikes seen.

ALEXANDER BAY STATION

Open	1921	Closed	February 29 1952	Population	16
Bay	Inland	Location	on rail line near Glovertown	Map 16 Z 22	
Distributing Office			Same		

Location was the train station for the entire peninsula from Glovertown to Salvage. First PM was T. E. Tipple. Postmaster in 1931 was F. Newhook. Mail distribution was daily Trs. 1 and 2 . Two split rings are known. First split ring courtesy of Murray Smith. Year date is 33.



split ring No. 2



split ring No. 1 courtesy
Murray Smith

ALLAN'S ISLAND

Open	1919	Closed	May 11 1970	Population	303
Bay	Placentia	Location	South Coast Burin Peninsula; Map 18 K 15		
Distributing Office			Lamaline		

Served by the coastal boat S.S. Portia via Lamaline on a weekly basis. First Postmaster was Edward Walsh who, still held the position in 1931. One split ring is known. A CDS is known from the Post-Confederation period.



ANDERSON'S COVE

Open	July 1885	Closed	August 31 1965	Population	110
Bay	Fortune	Location	Belle Bay	Map F 18	
Distributing Office		same			

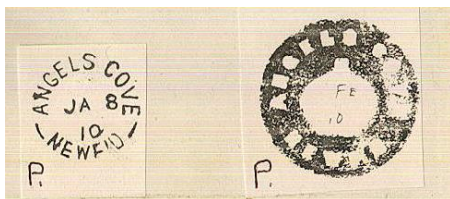
Opened as a way office in July 1885 with Joshiah Thornhill as waykeeper. It became a post office in 1891 with James Thornhill as Postmaster. In 1898, Charles Thornhill became PM. The PM in 1931 was still Charles Thornhill. Distribution was by S.S. Glencoe from Argentia on Wednesdays. The office closure was due to "limited usefulness."
Two split rings are known. These would be very difficult to separate except for the typeface.



ANGELS COVE

Open	1910	Closed	1933	Population	74
Bay	Placentia	Location	"Cape Shore" Placentia	Map 20 J 22	
Distributing Office		Placentia			

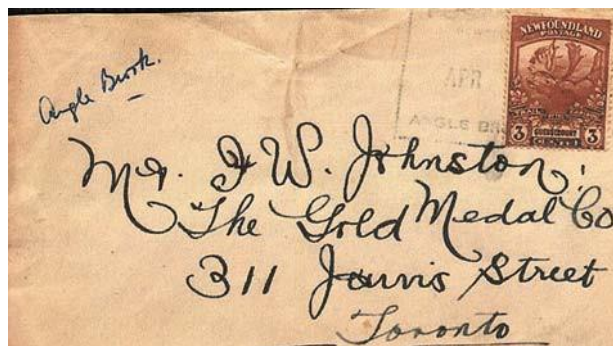
The first Postmaster was Mrs. Patrick Coffey who, also served in that position in 1931. Distribution was by Placentia Bay Railway daily via Placentia and courier. In 1948 this location was still in the system as a telephone office only with connection to Placentia. Nearest post offices were Patrick's Cove and St. Brides. This office reopened from December 12 1952 until February 28 1969. A CDS and Registration box are known from this period.



ANGLE BROOK

Open	1921	Closed	1941	Population	53
Bay	Alexander... / /... Bonavista in part	Location	Glovertown	Map 16 Z 22	
Distributing Office			Glovertown	Angle Brook Road	

This office was hard to pin down for a location until I discovered an Angle Brook Road partway between Glovertown and Glovertown South. First Postmaster was Mrs. Violet Miles. There is no listing in the 1931 guide. The 1949 "Nixie" list states "send matter to Glovertown". Distribution would have been Alexander Bay Station daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Glovertown. A dotted line Box cancel is known. It is strange that a split ring from here is not known.



courtesy Doug Hannan

APSEY BROOK

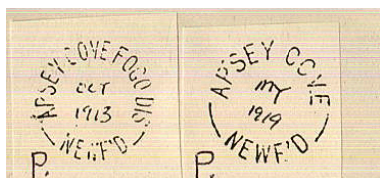
Open	1910	Closed	1914	Population	52
Bay	Trinity	Location	Random Island Smith Sound	Map 16 B/C 23 (Aspey)	
Distributing Office			Clareville daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Shoal Harbour		

Aspey was a Newfoundland word for Aspy or thick with Aspen trees.(Dictionary of Newfoundland English). An Aspey Brook exists today on the North Shore of Random Island. Postmaster was John T. Smith. Nearest post office was Elliot's Cove. In 1949 this location remained in the system as a telephone office only with connection to Clareville. No proofs or strikes exist.

APSEY COVE

Open	1914	Closed	1931	Population	104
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Hamilton Sound Fogo District	Map 10 U 21	
Distributing Office			Ladle Cove		

This office reopened as Aspen Cove on April 09 1954 and remains open. First Postmaster is unknown. PM in 1931 was Eva Chaulk. Distribution was by S.S. Home from St. John's on Wednesdays via Ladle Cove. This office is not to be confused with Aspen Cove Trinity Bay. Two proofs are known from here.



APSEY POINT

Open	1910	Closed	1931	Population	180
Bay	Trinity	Location	5 miles North of Clarenville	Map	Not shown

Was near Milton, about 5 miles North of Clarenville. Again, the Apsey/Aspen problem. First Postmaster was Arthur Stanley. Listed in 1931 guide as Aspen via Georges Brook. First Postmaster was Arthur Stanley. PM in 1931 was John T. Smith. Apsey/Aspen Cove (NOT POINT) Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay AND that is the location of POINT not cove was renamed Aspen by the Nomenclature Board. For approximate location use Georges Brook Map 16 B 22. No known strikes or proofs seen.

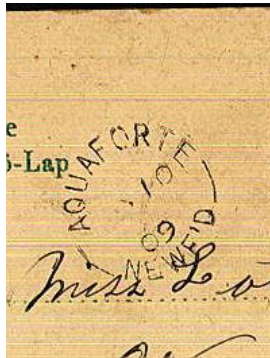
AQUAFORTE

Open	1879	Closed	Still Open	Population	176
Bay	N/A	Location	South Avalon on "Irish Loop"	Map 21	J 26
Distributing Office		Ferryland			

Opened as a way office in 1879 with Peter Winsor as waymaster. It became a post office in 1891 with Henry C. Winsor as PM. Postmaster in 1931 was Mrs. H. WinDsor. PM in 1936 was Mrs. Sarah J. WinDsor. Distribution was by St. John's South Shore Courier via Ferryland. Two split ring devices are known.



partial split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2

ARCH AND GARDEN COVES

Open	1924	Closed	1931	Population	37
Bay	Placentia	Location	Garden Cove	Map 16 D 22	
Distributing Office		Sound Island			

First Postmaster was Charles W. Eddy.

In all of my sources of reference material there is absolutely nothing regarding this office save John Butt's original heading. In reading the entry Garden Cove in the (Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador) the light came on! Not knowing where the "Arch" fits in, Garden Cove is located at the very head of Placentia Bay. In 1931, Garden Cove was still in the system with phone connection only to Sound Island. Distribution was by S.S. Argyle from Placentia on Fridays via Sound Island. Also, on Tuesdays by motorboat from Arnold's Cove via Sound Island. Garden Cove reopened on October 23 1953 and remains open. Many Post Confederation devices known: CDS, MOON 5 digit, MOON Y-3 digit, Registration Box and others. No proofs or strikes seen.

ARGENTIA

Open	1900	Closed	August 03 1960	Population	477
Bay	Placentia	Location	Argentia Peninsula Plac. Bay	Map	G 22
Distributing Office		Same			

In earlier years this was the homeport of the coastal boats S.S. Portia and S.S. Glencoe. All mail bound for the entire South Coast to Port Aux Basques left from here after arriving from St. John's on the Placentia railway. In later years it became the civilian post office of the American naval base. First Postmaster was Mrs. J. McGratt. The PM in 1931 was J.J. McGratt, possibly the same or a child of Mrs. J. The PM and TO on December 01 1937 was D. Ryan. At this time, the office was removed from the railway station to a separate building. Mail was daily by the Placentia railway. Argentia was also a telegraph station.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2 proofed April 09 1938



single large circle in Gothic;
double circle is in Serif type

ARNOLD'S COVE

Open	1893	Closed	Still Open	Population	174
Bay	Placentia	Location	"Neck" of Avalon Peninsula	Map	16 E 22
Distributing Office		Arnold's Cove Station			

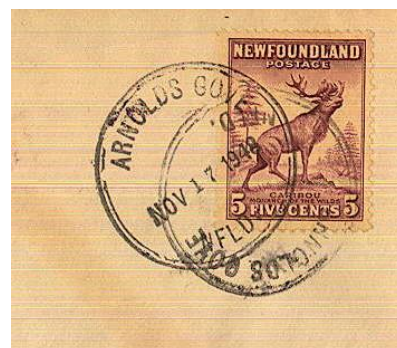
Arnold's Cove was the main distribution point for all offices in upper Placentia Bay and the islands therein. First Postmaster was Jonathan Boutcher. PM in 1931 was Mary Ann Boutcher. One thing that you will notice as we progress through this book is the frequency of Postmasters being a family affair. Distribution was by railway daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Arnold's Cove Station. From the illustrations of the split rings, two of them being proofs, it looks like this place had three different ones.



split ring No. 1 split ring No. 3



split ring No. 2; no apostrophe
OR may be split ring No. 1 with
apostrophe broken off



ARNOLD’S COVE STATION

Open	1917	Closed	1945	Population	10
Bay	Inland	Location	“Neck” of Avalon Peninsula	Map	16 E 22
Distributing Office		Same			

Arnold’s Cove Station received mail daily Trs. 1 and 2.
First postmaster was Margaret Rose. PM in 1931 was M.S. Peach.
After 1945 the nearest post office was Arnold’s Cove.
Oddly enough, a split ring strike from this office has not been seen.



railway ticket device

ASPEN COVE

Open	1914	Closed	1931	Population	28
Bay	Trinity	Location	Smith Sound Random Island	Map	16 C 23
Distributing Office		Britannia			

First Postmaster was John T. Smith who also held the position at closing in 1931. Distribution was daily from Clarenville Trs. 1 and 2 via Georges Brook. This location is NOT to be confused with Apsey Cove. Nearest post office after closing was Britannia. The cancel for here may have read “ASPEN T.B.” This office reopened April 9 1954 and closed November 21 1961. No proofs or strikes seen.

AVONDALE NORTH

Open	1908	Closed	1931	Population	unknown
Bay	Conception	Location	unknown		
Distributing Office		Avondale			

First Postmaster was Elizabeth O'Brien. PM in 1931 was Mrs. L. Hennesy. Nothing else about this office is known. No proofs or strikes known.

AVONDALE

Open	1899	Closed	Still Open	Population	600
Bay	Conception	Location	Head of Conception Bay	Map	21 G 25
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Edward Kennedy. PM in 1931 was Julia Kennedy.

PM in 1942 was Miss Muriel Hannon. Distribution daily Trs. 1 and 2.

The first split ring is not known and I believe it never existed. Avondale was one of the very few locations to have received the Duplex hammers and they were sent out in 1899. A split ring proof (misspelled) and a mail bag seal were proofed in 1910. Remarkably, this misspelled device continued in use to at least 1943.

Once more, confusion reigns supreme. My reference material tells me that Avondale was called Cats Cove from 1891 to 1908.

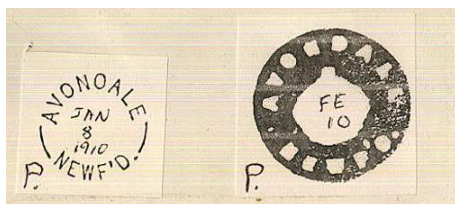
Question No. 1. If the location was called Cats Cove, why the Avondale postmark?

Question No. 2. If the location ceased being called Cats Cove in 1908, why the split ring proof two years later in 1910?

Was the Duplex used up until 1910?



"mystery duplexes";
where did they come from?



misspelled split ring



misspelling still in use

BADGER BROOK

Open	July 19 1901	Closed	1921 (as Badger Brook)	Population	285
Bay	Inland	Location	on rail Line	Map	8 X 14
Distributing Office		Not Known			

In the beginning, Badger Brook was the settlement and Badger was the railway station.

In 1921 Badger Brook became Badger and the office at the station closed. Became an MOO at inception.

First Postmaster was H. Frazer. Distribution was daily Tr. 1 and 2 via Badger (station.)



courtesy of Murray Smith



courtesy of Murray Smith

BADGER

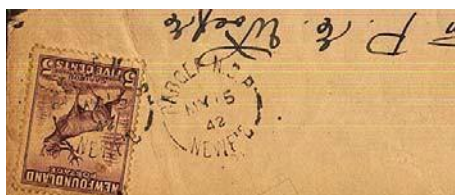
Open Bay	1906 Inland	Closed Location	July 27 1992 (as a post office) Between Grand Falls and Deer Lake on railway line	Population 450	Map 8 X 14
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Distributing Office Same

The original Badger was the railway station which closed July 1921 and Badger Brook, the settlement, became Badger. First Postmaster was T. O'Neal (Badger the station.) PM in 1931 (Badger the town) was Bertram Payne who was also telegraph operator. PM and TO in 1937 was Peter Alexander. Distribution was daily by Trs. 1 and 2. During the earlier years, Badger was an important place for the forest industry. After closing in 1992, the community was further served by two Retail Offices, the latter remains open today.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



Postal Telegraph Oval;
possibly used concurrently
with Dotted Line Box



Dotted Line Box;
possibly used concurrently
with Postal Telegraph Oval



two large double circles;
in Gothic and Serif types

Badger was also a forwarding office. Forwarding to where? The mail for Buchans and Millertown should have been handled from Millertown Junction. The only possibility is sending the mail overland to Springdale for delivery in Green and Notre Dame Bays or, a mail dispersal area for the many lumber camps in the area. Another of the various mysteries to solve.



BADGER'S QUAY

Open	1916	Closed	Still Open	Population	316
Bay	Bonavista	Location	North Shore Bonavista Bay	Map	10 W 23
Distributing Office		Wesleyville			

First Postmaster was Bertha Hoskins. PM in 1931 was Chesley Hoskins who, was also Telegraph Operator. Mail was distributed on Monday by the S.S. Malakoff from Port Blandford via Wesleyville. A second delivery was Friday by motor ferry from Gambo.



BAIE VERTE

Open	1903	Closed	Still Open	Population	27
Bay	White	Location	Baie Verte Peninsula	Map	4 S 14
Distributing Office		Coachman's Cove			

Baie Verte was a sleepy little outpost until Asbestos was discovered near there. It is now probably the largest town in Northern Newfoundland after St. Anthony. First Postmaster was H.M. Herbert. PM in 1931 was not listed. This office had a closed period, likely 1931 as it is listed as opening on January 01 1938. PM on January 01 1938 was Miss Marie Batstone. Earlier distribution was bi-weekly Wednesdays (except Winter months) by S.S. Prospero from St. John's via Coachman's Cove. Winter service was by courier from Burlington emanating from Springdale. The Winter mail routes for the White Bay area and indeed all of Northern Newfoundland were very arduous and time consuming. Sometimes it would take upward of two months or more to reach St. John's. ST. BARBE was included in split ring no.1 because ALL of Northern Newfoundland was at one time included in the St. Barbe District.



split ring No. 2



split ring No. 1
courtesy Murray Smith

BAINE HARBOUR

Open	1883	Closed	Still Open	Population	180
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula South Coast	Map	19 G 19
Distributing Office		Marystown			

Baine Harbour opened as a way office in October 1883 with Lemuel Roberts as waykeeper. It became a post office in 1891 with Eli Gardner as the first Postmaster. Postmaster in 1931 was Malcom Smith who, was also telegraph operator. Mail arrived weekly on Wednesdays by S.S. Glencoe from Argentina via Marystown. In 1948 mail arrived weekly from Argentina by M.V. Burin.



split ring No. 1
Placentia Bay T.P.O. backstamp



split ring No. 2 HR



BALD NAP

Open	1882	Closed	1902	Population	27
Bay	Trinity	Location	Not Known		
Distributing Office		Not Known			

Opened as a way office in 1882 with William Guilford as waymaster. It became a post office in 1891 with same William Guilford as Post Master. Nothing else can be found regarding this office.



BALENA

Open	1899	Closed	1916	Population	14
Bay	Fortune	Location			
Distributing Office		Not Known			

First Postmaster was A. D. Neilson. All we know about this location is that it was an American Whaling station. The only post card of Balena just shows a whaling boat in a deserted cove. Mouth of Bay D'Espeir close to McCallum



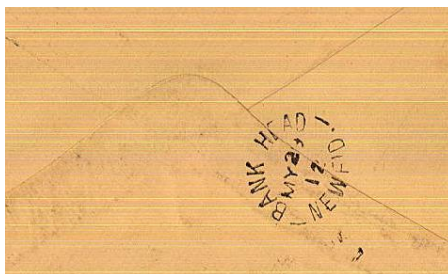
BANK HEAD

Open	1887	Closed	1889	Population	91
Bay	St. Georges	Reopened	1906 / Closed 1931		
Distributing Office		Location	Present Day St. Therasas	Map 11/12	B 4
			same		

Opened as a way office from 1887 to 1889 with Anne Reilly as waykeeper. It reopened in 1906 with Margaret M. Power as Postmaster. Postmaster in 1931 was Margaret M. Cormier (married). I have seen three covers from here and all have the date stamp struck on the back of the cover and not on the front. Bank Head renamed St. Theresa in 1932. Two different split rings are shown.



split ring No. 1;
all one word



split ring No. 2

BAR HAVEN

Open	1912	Closed	September 20 1966	Population	204
Bay	Placentia	Location	Bar Haven Island Placentia Bay	Map 16 E 21	
Distributing Office			Arnold's Cove		

Previously called Baron's or Barren Island. First Postmaster was Mrs. Peter Shea who, still held the position in 1931. Distribution was Tuesdays by motor boat from Arnold's Cove. Bar Haven was one of the Resettled (abandoned) outports. PB for Placentia Bay.



BARENEED

Open	July 1875	Closed	October 15 1970	Population	215
Bay	Conception	Location	Port De Grave Peninsula	Map	21 F 25
Distributing Office		Clarkes Beach			

Opened as a way office in 1875 with Jabez Butler as waykeeper in 1875 and George F. Payne for 1876. Became a post office in 1891 with Isaac Richards as Postmaster and Amy Richards in 1898. PM in 1931 was William Richards. There may have been a closed period, probably 1931. Officially (re)open on May 23 1946 (as confirmed by proof for split ring no. 2) with Chesley Batten as PM. Distribution was daily by Conception Bay railway TPO via Clarkes Beach. Two split rings and a dotted line Box cancel seen.



split ring No. 1 split ring No. 2



courtesy Murray Smith



split ring No. 1

BARR'D ISLANDS

Open	1903	Closed	1945	Population	470
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Fogo Island	Map	T 21
Distributing Office		Fogo			

First Postmaster was Thomas Anthony. PM in 1931 was Violet Randell. Distribution in Summer by S.S. Home from St. John's weekly via Fogo. Winter service by courier from Lewisporte railway. Nearest money order office was Joe Batt's Arm.



BARREN / BARON ISLAND

Open	1886	Closed	1912	Population	220
Bay	Placentia	Location	Bar Haven Island Placentia Bay	Map	16 E 21
Distributing Office		Arnold's Cove			

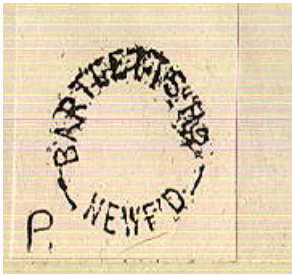
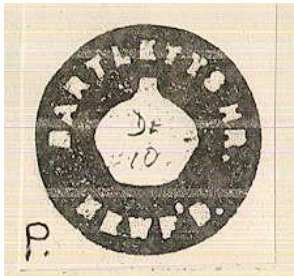
Opened as a way office in 1886 with Elizabeth Shea as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891. This location including the whole island was renamed Bar Haven by the Nomenclature Board in 1912.



BARTLETT'S HARBOUR

Open	1900	Closed	Still Open	Population
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Ferrolle Peninsula	Map
Distributing Office		Port Au Choix		1 L 11

First Postmaster was Thomas W. Rose. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Thos. Caines. Distribution in Summer by S.S. Sagona from Humbermouth weekly. Winter service by courier from Port Au Choix.



BARTON

Open	1918	Closed	1931	Population	45
Bay	Trinity	Location	Smith Sound Random	Map	16 B 23
Distributing Office			Clareville		

Previous name for this location was Snook's Brook which was open from 1910 to 1929. Barton was open from 1918 to 1931. There is a proof for Snook's Brook dated Jan. 1909. There is a proof for Barton dated Dec. 1918. Strikes from Snook's Brook are recorded 1910 to 1929. Obviously there is a discrepancy here. The two devices could have been used concurrently. First Postmaster is unknown. PM in 1931 was Mrs. E. Gardner. Distribution was daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Clareville via Georges Brook. Nearest post office after 1931 was Harcourt.



BATTEAU

Open	1893	Closed	1982	Population	unknown
Bay	Table	Location	Domino Island Labrador Coast	No map	
Distributing Office			Labrador TPO		

This location was a Labrador office. There will be very few Labrador listings in this book. Readers are directed to "A Pre-Confederation Postal History of Labrador" by Kevin N. O'Reilly, a BNAPS publication. Batteau, like nearly all Labrador settlements was a Summer office only. First postmaster was Samuel Wilcox in 1893, followed by Patrick Delaney in 1900. Distribution was fortnightly from St. John's via S.S. Kyle and Labrador TPO. Batteau appears to have been open continuously (Summer only) until 1982. No known proofs or strikes seen.

BATTLE HARBOUR

Open	1888	Closed	October 10 1990	Population	110
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Labrador		No Map	
Distributing Office		Same			

Battle Harbour was always the largest settlement on the Labrador coast and the office was open year round. No Postmasters are listed. Distribution in Summer was from St. John's fortnightly by S.S. Kyle. In Winter, four mails are dispatched overland by courier from Quebec via Forteau. Two different dotted line Box cancels are known. One reads Battle Harbour while the other says Battle Hr. Lab. Three different split rings and a NEWF'D CDS were used from here.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



split ring No. 3;
in use 20 months



CDS



Box Cancel No. 1
courtesy Kevin O'Reilly



Box Cancel No. 2
courtesy Kevin O'Reilly

BAULINE

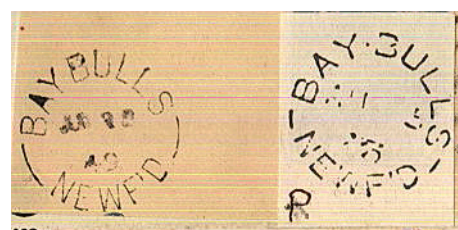
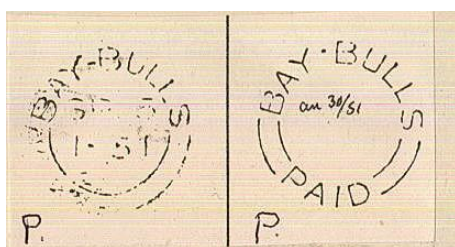
Open May	1889	Closed	April 27 1970	Population	265
Bay	Conception	Location	North East of Bell Island	Map	17 E 27
Distributing Office		Torbay			

Bauline opened as a way office in 1889 with James King as waykeeper. It became a post office in 1891 with Jemima King as Postmaster. Charlotte L. Butler is listed as PM in 1899. PM in 1931 was Michael Folly. Distribution was daily from St. John's at 12 noon by wagon via Portugal Cove. No proofs or strikes seen.

BAY BULLS

Open	1851	Closed	Still Open	Population	800
Bay	Ocean	Location	South of St. John's, "Irish Loop"	Map 21	G 27
Distributing Office		St. John's			

Opened as a post office in 1851. First Postmaster was Martin Williams. PM in 1873 was Harriet J. Williams. PM in 1875 was William Williams. PM in 1885 was Martin Burke. PM in 1893 was Emily Burke. PM in 1931 was Emily O' Brien. Distribution was daily 12 noon from St. John's by wagon. The GPO double split rings have not been seen. Two split Rings known and a Postal Telegraph Oval was in use during the early 1930s.



split ring No. 2 split ring No. 1

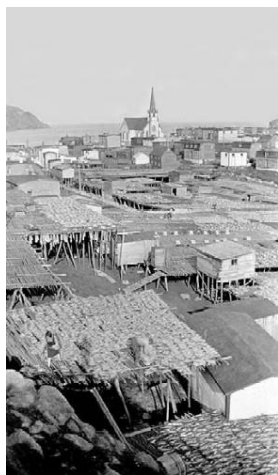


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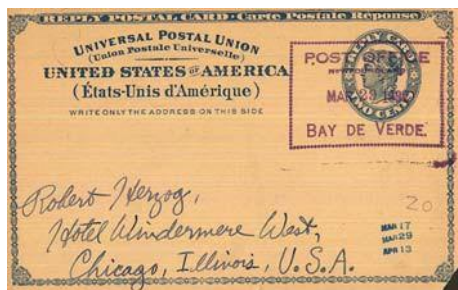
BAY de VERDE

Open	1863	Closed	Still Open	Population	820
Bay	Conception	Location	near Baccalieu Island	Map 17	C 26
Distributing Office		Carbonear			

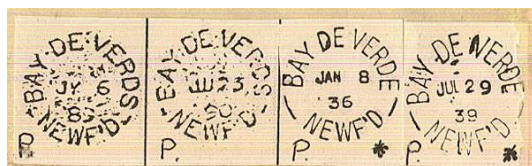
Bay de Verds (sic) opened as a way office in in 1863 with Thomas Hutchings as waykeeper. He was followed in 1864 by Elias Pico and in 1868 by Charles Blunden and in 1884 by Stephen Blunden. This location was upgraded to post office status in 1891 with Keziah Emberley as Post Master. PM in 1931 was Frank Emberley who, was also the telegraph operator. Distribution was daily from Conception Bay Railway to Carbonear via courier. Bay de Verde had a Postal Telegraph Oval, a dotted line Box and 4 split rings.



courtesy Murray Smith



courtesy John Oldford



courtesy Malcolm Back

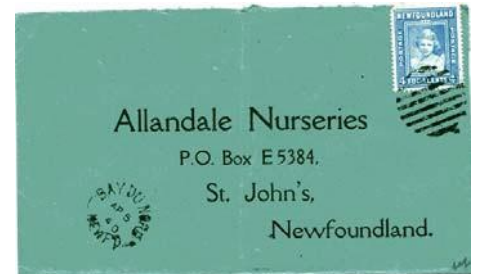
BAY du NORD

Open	1891	Closed	September 16 1968	Population	190
Bay	Fortune	Location	Belle Bay	Map	15 E 17
					(East Bay Head)
Distributing Office	Not Known				

First Postmaster was Thomas Farrell. PM in 1931 was Martha E. Farrell. Distribution was weekly from Argentia via S.S. Glencoe. It is interesting to note that although a 3rd split ring device was issued in 1936, that the 2nd split ring was in use in 1939. Were they used concurrently? Also, it appears that the date slugs for both were lost.



split ring No. 2

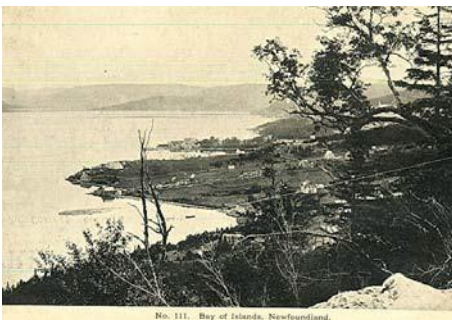


split ring No. 3 courtesy Doug Hannan

BAY ISLANDS / BAY OF ISLANDS

Open	1872	Closed	1909	Population	Not known
Bay	St. Georges District	Location	Not known		
Distributing office	Not known				

The only thing that is known is it opened as a way office in 1872 with William Petipas as waykeeper. It was upgraded to post office status in 1879 with William Bagg as Postmaster in 1882 and E. A. Bagg in 1900. Bay Islands is listed as being St. Georges District. In 1872 that would have been correct as the Humber District did not come into being until later. The problem here is with this location and the one to follow called Bay OF Islands. I have a post card marked Bay Islands dated Dec. 24 1899 with a return address of Rev. Arthur Waghorne Bay OF Islands. Rev. Waghorne is known to have lived in Curling aka Birchy Cove. In 1872 there was very little settlement around the shores of Bay Of Islands with Curling being the largest. During the later years of this office, 1898, the mail would have moved by rail. There somehow has to be a connection between these two offices. Bay OF Islands is listed as a way office only from July 1883 to 1885 only with Thomas Carter as waykeeper. The location could have been from one of the other smaller settlements around the bay. A strike from this location is not known.



BAY ROBERTS

Open	1857	Closed	Still Open	Population	2000
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay North	Map	21 F 25
Distributing Office	Same				

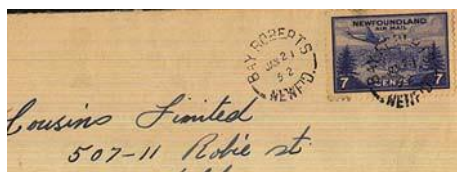
Opened as a way office in 1857 with James Fitzgerald as waykeeper and J. Eliza Moors in 1871. It was upgraded to post office status in 1879 with William Frazer as Post Master. Successive PM's were Hector Frazer in 1890 and D. G. Frazer in 1891. PM in 1931 was Nathan French with W. F. Brennan as assistant. Distribution was daily from St. John's by Conception Bay Railway. Four split rings and a dotted line Box cancel are known. A double circle may exist.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2;
CB for Conception Bay



split ring No. 4



split ring No. 3



BAY de L'EAU

Open	1911	Closed	1931	
Bay	Fortune	Location	Upper Fortune Bay	Map 19 F 19
Distributing Office	English Harbour East			

First Postmaster was Thomas J. Burton who, also held the position in 1931. Distribution was weekly by S.S. Glencoe from Argentia via English Harbour East. Bay de L'Eau eventually became one of Newfoundland's "Resettlement" outposts. No known proofs or strikes seen.

BAY du NORD

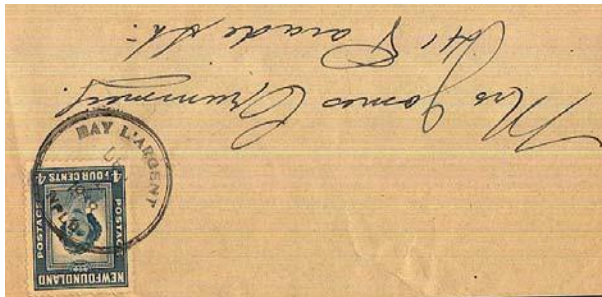
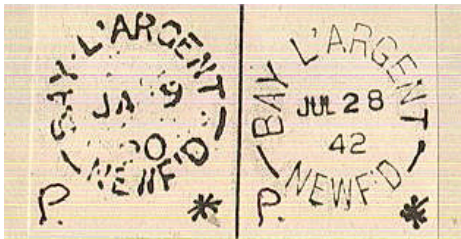
Open	1903	Closed	1931	Population	80
Bay	Hermitage	Location	Not Known		
Distributing Office	Not known				

No, you are not seeing double. There actually was another Bay du Nord in the next bay over. I cannot locate this place but there is a North Bay of Hermitage Bay. First Postmaster was James Thomey. PM in 1931 was Jas. J. Kearley. Distribution would have been weekly by S.S. Glencoe from Argentia via Hermitage or Pushthrough. There are no known proofs or strikes but this one probably read Bay Du Nord Hermitage or Her, or H.

BAY L'ARGENT

Open	1883	Closed	November 23 1992	Population	300
Bay	Fortune	Location	Burin peninsula North side	Map	19 F 19
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office in 1883 with P. G. Snow as waykeeper and Harriet Grandy in 1884. Became a post office in 1891 with Mary M. Grandy as Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Clyde Banfield who, was also telegraph operator. Distribution was weekly by S. S. Glencoe via Argentinia. Since closing in 1992, there have been a succession of 3 Retail offices, the latter of which is still open.



BEAR COVE

Open	1909	Closed	August 29 1969	Population	100
Bay	White	Location	East side of White Bay	Map	3 S 12
Distributing Office		Seal Cove			

First Postmaster was Mary Wells Toop. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Simon Rice. There must have been a closed period, probably 1931. Office (re)open on July 9 1946. This office supposedly replaced that of Western Arm from June 14 1946 until November 28 1946. Distribution in Summer was fortnightly by S.S. Earl Of Devon from Lewisporte. Winter route was from Lewisporte by courier via Burlington and Seal Cove.



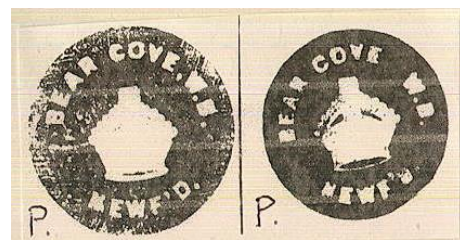
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courtesy Doug Hannan



BEAU BOIS BISHOPS COVE

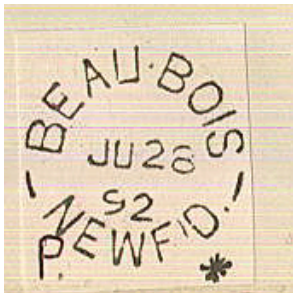
Absolutely no documentation exists for this office except a proof.
If there was such a location it would have been on Conception Bay.



BEAU BOIS

Open	1879	Closed	1931	Population	68
Bay	Placentia	Location	Mortier Bay near Marystown	Map	19 H 18
Distributing Office			Marystown		

Open 1879 as a way office with George Dobrell as waykeeper. Upgraded to post office in 1891. PM in 1931 was Mary Ann Dober (looks like same name.) Distribution was weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe via Marystown. Pronounced BOE BOYS by the locals.



BEAUMONT NORTH

Open	1920	Closed	1933	Population	150
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	North of Beaumont	Map	8 U 16
Distributing Office			Pilley's Island		

Previously called Ward's Harbour. First Postmaster was Winnie England. PM in 1931 is not listed. Distribution in Summer was weekly from Lewisporte by S. S. Clyde via Beaumont. Winter mails were courier from Pilley's Island via Beaumont. There are no known proofs or strikes.

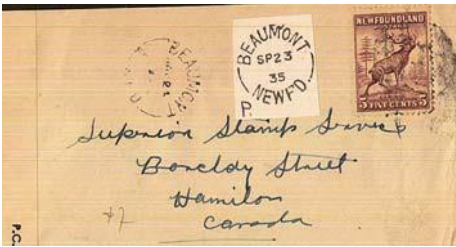
BEAUMONT

Open	1920	Closed	Still Open	Population	450
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Entrance to Hall's Bay	Map	8 U 15
Distributing Office			Pilley's Island		

Previously called Cutwell, opened 1920. First Postmaster was Winifred Roberts. PM in 1931 was H.R. Short who, was also the telegraph operator. Distribution in Summer was weekly on Mondays from Lewisporte via S.S. Clyde. Winter mails, courier from Pilley's Island. Obviously there was an earlier split ring and possibly a double circle.



serrated oval



BEAVER COVE

There is apparently one strike known for this office and it is in Fogo or Fogo District. "Nixie" list says send matter to Fredericton. There is a Beaver Cove next to Fredericton. Map 9 V 20

BEAVERTON

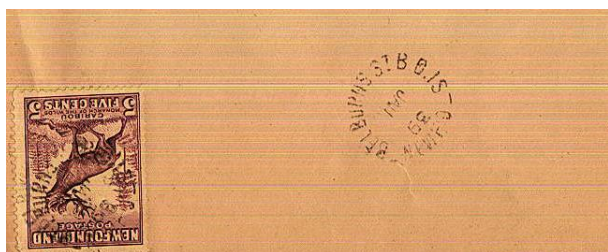
Open	1909	Closed	1928	
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Farewell Peninsula	Map 9 U 20 (Port Albert)
Distribution Office		Not known		

Little Beaver Cove was an early name for Port Albert and that is the closest that I can get. First Postmaster was John A. Day. Nothing else is known. No proofs or strikes are known.

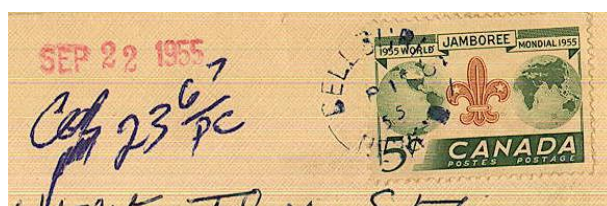
BEL(L)BURNS

Open	1911	Closed	Still Open	Population	89
Bay	Gulf St. Lawrence	Location	West coast Northern Peninsula	Map 3 Q 9	
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was John D. House who, still held the position in 1931. Distribution in Summer was weekly on Wednesdays by S.S. Sagona from Humbermouth via Daniels Harbour. Mails in Winter came by courier whenever they could from the Deer Lake railway station and up "the Great Northern mail road" (parts of which still exist today) and ending at Flowers Cove. This route was arguably the longest and most arduous of courier routes in Newfoundland. This location had two split rings. ST B DIS for St. Barbe District.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2

BELL ISLAND FRONT

Open	1937	Closed	Still Open	Population	285
Bay	Conception	Location	Ferry Landing Bell Island	Map Not shown	
Distributing Office		Same			

This office is at a small settlement where the Bell Island ferry lands. No Postmasters are known. A strike or proof have not been seen. The postmark could be either a split ring or a "NEWF'D" CDS.



BELL ISLAND MINES

Open	1908	Closed	March 02 1951	Population	0
Bay	Conception	Location	Mine Location Wabana	Map	17 E 26 (Wabana)
Distributing Office		Bell Island			

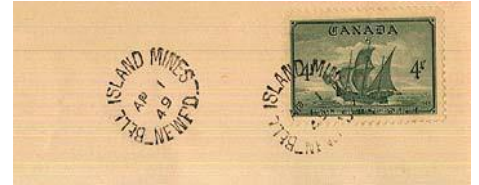
This was the post office for the mines complex. First postmaster is not known. PM in 1931 was Bride Jackman and Kathleen Davis as assistant. PM in 1941 was Nicholas Alcock. Distribution was Bell Island via Portugal Cove ferry. There are three known split rings with the first reading BELL ISLE MINES. There was also a dotted line Box which are not illustrated. Two double circles are recorded. One in Gothic "ISLD" and the other in serif typeface.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



split ring No. 3



Wavy Line box
courtesy Doug Hannan



Dotted Line box
courtesy John Oldford



split ring No. 2
Bell Island Mines
Bell Island Newf'd

BELL ISLAND

Open	1910	Closed	Still Open	Population	Not Known
Bay	Conception	Location	Wabana	Map 17 E 26	(Wabana)
Distributing Office		Same			

Postmaster at name change not known. PM in 1931 was David J. Jackman. Distribution from St. John's daily via Portugal Cove ferry. Bell Island (town) was renamed Wabana in 1951. It has since changed back to Bell Island in 1979 and remains open today. This location had at least two split rings, both a dotted line and wavy line Box and a straight line handstamp.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



Dotted Line box Straight Line

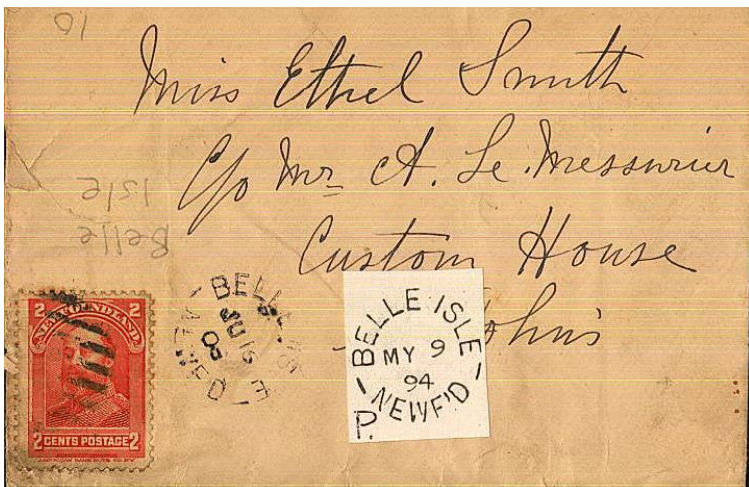


Wavy Line box
courtesy Doug Hannan

BELLE ISLE

Open	1887	Closed	1910	Population	Not Known
Bay	Conception	Location	Wabana	Map 17 E 26	(Wabana)
Distributing Office		St. John's			

Opened as a way office in 1887 with Matthew Jackson/Jackman as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with same Matthew as Postmaster. Name of location was changed to BELL ISLAND in 1910. Distribution was daily from St. John's by wagon Via Portugal Cove and ferry. There is obviously an earlier split ring.



BELLEORAM

Open	1879	Closed	Still Open	Population	750
Bay	Fortune	Location	North side Fortune Bay	Map	19 F 17
Distributing Office		Same			

Opened in 1879 as a way office with William H. Cluett as waykeeper. Julia Cluett was waykeeper in 1885. Became a post office in 1891 with Julia Cluett as Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Jessie Miles who, was also telegraph operator. PM on November 21 1939 was R. Harris. Mails were delivered weekly from Argentia via

S.S. Glencoe. Obviously, it was the original intention to make Bel(le)oram a post office in 1851. This did not occur. Oddly enough, Belleoram is not listed as having a Postal Telegraph Oval or either Box cancel.



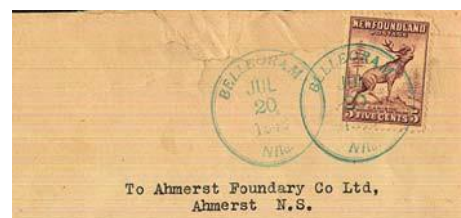
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BELLEVUE EAST

Open	1920	Closed	1948	Population	204
Bay	Trinity	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not Known			

First Postmaster was Mrs. Jane Murphy who, also held the position in 1931.

Mails were delivered daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Rantem Station. A split ring is known. TB for Trinity Bay.



BELLEVUE

Open	1897	Closed	Still Open	Population	185
Bay	Trinity	Location	Tickle Bay Head of Trinity Bay	Map 16	E 23
Distributing Office		Whitbourne			

Bellevue was called Tickle Harbour prior to 1897. First Postmaster was Margaret Lynch. PM in 1931 was not listed. PM on May 5 was Mrs. Leo Brazil. Mails were delivered daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Rantem Station . No proofs or strikes seen.

BENOIT’S COVE

Open	1887	Closed	Still Open	Population	200
Bay	Bay Of Islands	Location	South coast BOI	Map 6	X 6
Distributing Office		Curling/Corner Brook			

Opened as a way office in 1887 with J. S. Evitt as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891. Postmaster in 1931 was Alonzo Gallant. PM in 1937 was Miss Frances Dormody. Officially closed on April 10 1937 AND Officially (re)opened August 1 1944. Distribution was daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Curling railway station. A split ring from this location has not been seen.



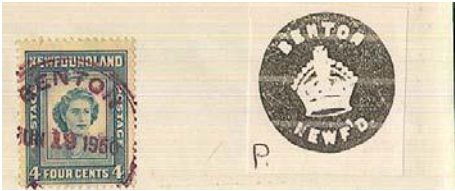
BENTON

Open	1896	Closed	Still Open	Population	45
Bay	Inland	Location	On rail line	Map 9	X 20
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster in 1896 was William O'Reilly. PM in 1898 was E. W. Taylor. PM in 1931 was railway agent (not named.) Distribution was daily Trs. 1 and 2. Obviously there was an earlier split ring.



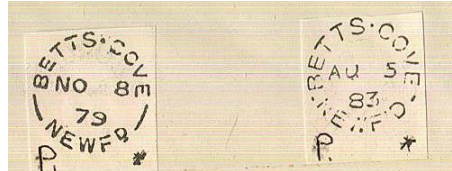
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BETTS COVE

Open	1871	Closed	1919	Population	18
Bay	Green	Location	Baie Verte peninsula	Map 8	T 15 (not settlement)
Distributing Office		Not known			

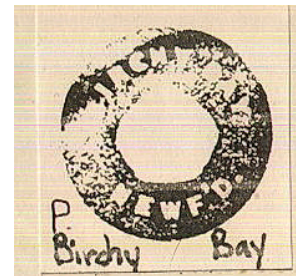
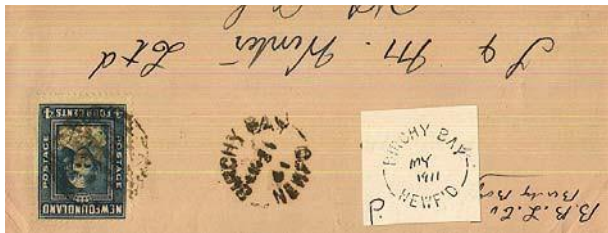
This was one of the first Copper Mines in Newfoundland. Opened in July 1875 (although first marking indicates 1871) as a way office with Edward W. McCurdy as waykeeper. Upgraded to post office status in 1877. William Cunningham was Postmaster in 1882. This office was one of the few to receive a "Fancy" device. The mine along with the settlement was abandoned when richer deposits were found up the coast at Tilt Cove. There should be a split ring for this office.



BIRCHY BAY

Open	1905	Closed	Still Open	Population	65
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Between Lewisporte & Twillingate	Map 9	V 19
Distributing Office		Lewisporte			

First Postmaster is not known. PM in 1931 was Mrs. J. Canning. PM on July 5 1948 was Miss Ella Canning. Mail arrived weekly by courier from Lewisporte. Birchy bay had two split rings.



BIRCHY COVE

Open	1918	Closed	1931	Population	88
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Bonavista Peninsula	Map	17 Z 25
Distributing Office	Bonavista				

Opened in 1918 with Herbert Ryan as Postmaster. This office must have reopened as PM listed in 1939 was Minnie Ryan. Mails delivered from Bonavista via Bonavista Bay railway.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mail from *Birchy Cove* For *Bonavista*

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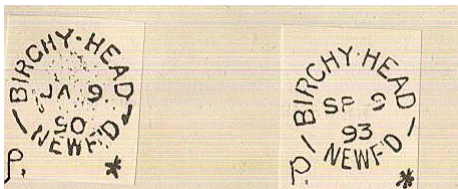
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BIRCHY HEAD

Open	1887	Closed	Still Open	Population	65
Bay	Bonne	Location	Head of Bonne Bay	Map	6 V 7
Distributing Office	Bonne Bay (Woody Point)				

Opened in 1887 with Henry Halfyard as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Henry as Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Thomas Caines. PM in 1942 was Mrs. James Gooseney. Distribution in Summer was weekly by S.S. Sagona from Humbermouth via Bonne Bay. In Winter by courier from Deer Lake station via Bonne Bay. Two split rings are known .

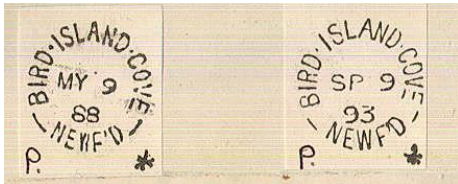


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BIRD ISLAND COVE

Open	1887	Closed	1904	Population	450
Bay	Trinity	Location	Not known (Elliston mentioned)	Map 17 Z 26	
				(North Bird Island ?)	
Distributing Office	Not known				

NSSC says closed 1907. Palmer Moffat master list says closed 1904. Opened in 1887 as a way office with Arthur Tilley as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with the following as PM. Helen Tilley and Benjamin Baker 1894. Helen Tilley again in 1896 and Benjamin Baker again in 1898. Wouldn't you love to know the full story on that one ? If in fact the location of Elliston is correct, then the distribution would have been from Bonavista. There is one suspicious aspect here. Elliston opened in 1904. The year Bird Island Cove shut down. I conclude that this location was renamed Elliston, although the Nomenclature Board listing does not substantiate this. There were two split rings proofed.



BISCAY BAY

Open	1910	Closed	1931	Population	58
Bay	Trepassey	Location	South Avalon Peninsula	Map 21 K 25	
Distributing Office	Trepassey				

First Postmaster was Thomas Ryan. PM in 1931 was John Ryan. Mail delivery was daily from St. John's by rail via Trepassey station. This office reopened after Confederation from April 2 1953 to April 30 1970.



BISCAYAN COVE

Open	1921	Closed	1931	Population	74
Bay	Conception	Location	Cape St. Francis	Map 17 D 27	
Distributing Office	Pouch Cove				

This location is at the extreme North end of the Avalon Peninsula. First Postmaster was Ambrose Rose who, still held the position in 1931. Distribution was daily 12 noon from St. John's by wagon via Pouch Cove. No proofs or strikes seen.

BISHOP'S COVE

Open	1885	Closed	July 21 1970	Population	58
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay North	Map	17 E 25
Distributing Office		Spaniards Bay			

Opened April 1885 as a way office with David Barrett as waykeeper and Herbert Barrett in 1890. Became a post office in 1891 with Herbert Barrett as Postmaster. PM in 1898 was Israel Smith. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Eliza Clarke. Officially listed as (re)opening August 1 1944. Distribution was daily by Conception Bay railway via Spaniards Cove. There were two split rings, one proofed in 1892 and the other in 1944.



BISHOP'S FALLS STATION

Open	1912	Closed	1931	Population	none
Bay	Inland	Location	Rail line Bishop's Falls	Map	8 X 16
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was J. C. Hampton. PM in 1931 was Thomas Glavine. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2.



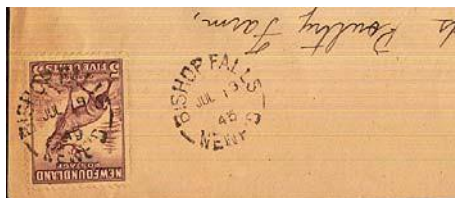
BISHOP'S FALLS

Open	1904	Closed	Still Open	Population	1,800
Bay	Inland	Location	On Exploits River	Map	8 X 16
Distributing Office		Same			

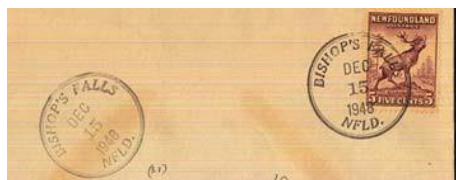
First Postmaster was Mrs. C. Squires. PM in 1931 was W. Milley who, was also telegraph operator. PM and TO in 1942 was Miss Sarah Verge. PM and To on September 18 1948 was C.L. Pickett. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Bishops Falls Station. Two split rings are known as well as a dotted line Box and a wavy line Box. Shown below are all except the wavy line Box.



Split ring No. 1 (has 'S')



split ring No. 2 (no S)



BLACK DUCK BROOK

Open	1901	Closed	August 17 1970	Population	16
Bay	Port Au Port	Location	Port Au Port Peninsula	Map	5 Z 4
Distributing Office		Port Au Port via Lourdes			

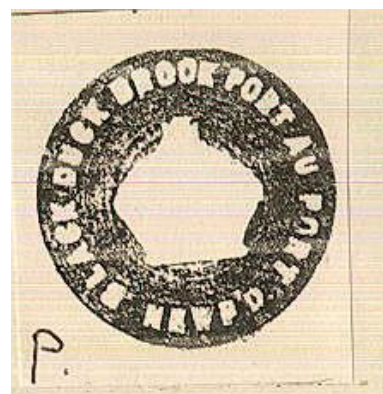
First Postmaster was Mary Boyce. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Joseph A. Young. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Stephenville Crossing station via Port Au Port. There was an earlier split ring, too light to copy, that read BLACK DUCK BK ST G.



split ring No. 1 (BK ST G)
courtesy John Oldford



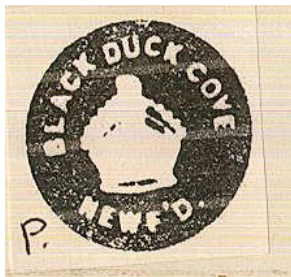
split ring No. 2



BLACK DUCK COVE

Open	1947	Closed	Still Open	Population	50
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Great Northern Peninsula	Map 1	K 11
Distributing Office		Flowers Cove			

This office opened July 26 1947 upon the closure of the St. Barbe office the previous day. First Postmaster was Abraham Dredge. Mails weekly by courier from Corner Brook via Flowers Cove.



BLACK ISLAND

Open	1903	Closed	November 07 1964	Population	118
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Bay of Exploits	Map 9	U 18
Distributing Office		Exploits			

First Postmaster was Thomas E. Harris. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Peter Frampton. PM on April 1 1948 was Mrs. Wallace Rideout. Mails in Summer were weekly by S.S. Clyde from Lewisporte via Exploits. During Winter a courier was in use over the ice from Exploits. One split ring has been seen.



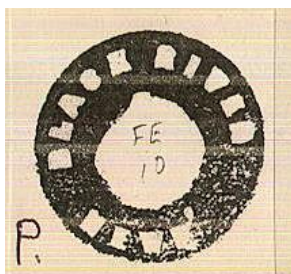
BLACK RIVER

Open	1886	Closed	1931	Population	36
Bay	Placentia	Location	Head of Placentia Bay	Map 16	D 22
Distributing Office		Not known			

Opened as a way office in 1886 with A. M. Blackadar as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891. PM in 1931 was Mrs. T. Barrington. Mails were delivered weekly by motor boat from Arnold's Cove. Two split rings are known for this location.



split ring No. 1 split ring No. 2



BLACKHEAD BAY DE VERDE

Open	1858	Closed	1945	Population	183
Bay	Conception	Location	Bay de Verde	Map	Not shown
Distributing Office		Carbonear			

Open as a way office in 1858 with John Curtis as waykeeper. Following waykeepers were William Butt in 1863, Matthew Hudson in 1871 and John C. Moors in 1873. Became a post office in 1881 with John C. Moore (same name) as the first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Clement Hudson. Mails in earlier years would have been by “Conception Bay Packets.” Later distribution would be by Conception Bay railway by courier via Carbonear.



one split ring seen

BLACKHEAD ST. JOHN'S WEST

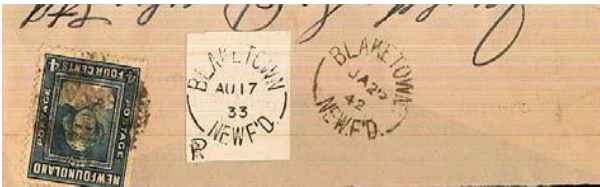
Open	1913	Closed	1931	Population	56
Bay	By ocean	Location	Cape Spear Road	Map	21 F 27
Distributing Office		St. John's			

First Postmaster is not known. PM in 1931 was William Healey. Mails were likely daily by courier from St. John's. No proofs or strikes seen.

BLAKETOWN

Open	1899	Closed	Still Open	Population	184
Bay	Trinity	Location	Inland from head of Trinity Bay	Map	20 F 24
Distributing Office		Whitbourne			

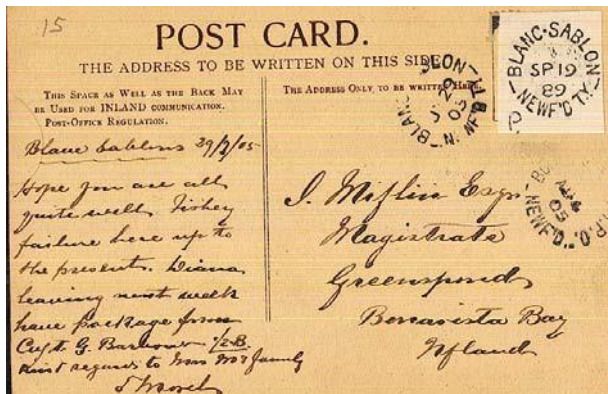
First Postmaster was Nathaniel Osbourne. PM in 1931 was Blanche Mercer. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Whitbourne via courier. Obviously there was an earlier split ring.



BLANC SABLON NEWF'D TY

Open	1893	Closed	1931	Population	46
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Labrador / Quebec border	Map	J 10
Distributing Office		Same			

This happened as a result of the Labrador boundary dispute between Newfoundland and Quebec. Up until 1927 Newfoundland claimed a lot of the lower Quebec North Shore and quite a few Newfoundlanders had settled there. The boundary is now just 2 miles east of Blanc Sablon. The first Postmaster was Edwin W. Grant. Mails in Summer were weekly by S. S. Sagona from Humbermouth. In Winter there were four dispatches from Quebec by courier and dog team. These occurred January 01 and 15, February 01 and March 01. One split ring is known. This marking is unique in that it proclaimed Blanc Sablon as Newfoundland territory.



BLOOMFIELD

Open	1913	Closed	Still Open	Population	350
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Head of Bay, Musgravetown	Map	16 A 22
Distributing Office		Lethbridge			

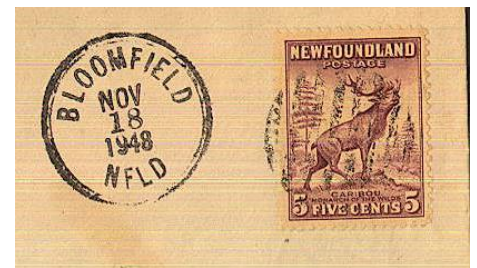
First Postmaster was George Reader who, still held the position in 1931. PM in 1939 was William Reader as of January 16. Distribution was by Bonavista railway via Lethbridge. Two split rings seen.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2 (no BB)



BOAT HARBOUR NORTH EAST

Open	1926	Closed	1931	Population	25
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map 19 G 19	(Brookside)
Distributing Office		Not known			

Later renamed Brookside. First Postmaster was Mrs. Elias Smith who, still held the position in 1931. An office called Brookside closed in 1911. Mails were weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe via St. Josephs. Nothing further is known of this office. No proofs or strikes seen.

BOAT HARBOUR P. B.

Open	1911	Closed	June 30 1988	Population	110
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map 19 G 19	
Distributing Office		St. Josephs			

Postmaster on opening is not known. PM in 1931 was Joseph Matterface. Mails were weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe via St. Josephs. This office was renamed Boat Harbour West in 1955. It closed as such on June 30 1988 and subsequently has had two retail offices, the latter of which is still open. One split ring and a Registration box are known. The Registration boxes of Pre-Confederation Newfoundland resembled those of Canada except for wavy line frames and the lower right leg of the "R." All of these devices except those of the larger towns were blank. Many examples are in manuscript.



BONA

Open	1903	Closed	1906	Population	34
Bay	Placentia	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

Postmaster was Joseph Casey. With a population of 34 and the office open for only three years, absolutely nothing is known of this location. The records give no indication of an extension of service beyond 1906 or a reopening. However, the following marking for Bona is dated February 1930 with the correct stamp issue, therefore indicating a reopening sometime after 1906. PB for Placentia Bay. There is a LITTLE BONA and a GREAT BONA. Which settlement had the post office?



BONAVENTURE

Open	1891	Closed	1945	Population	73
Bay	Trinity	Location	South coast Bonavista Pen.	Map	16 B 24
Distributing Office	Same (Old Bonaventure)				

First Postmaster was William Field. PM in 1931 was not listed. PM in 1942 was Miss Elizabeth Vivian. Mails were weekly by S.S. Susu from Clarendville. This office was renamed to Old Bonaventure and reopened from 1964 until August 11 1970. One split ring is known. A double circle device was also in use.



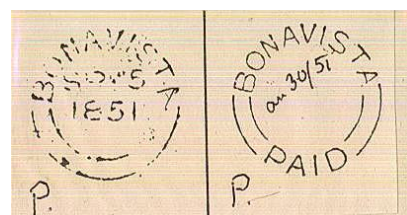
BONAVISTA

Open	1851	Closed	Still Open	Population	4,100
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Tip of Bonavista Peninsula	Map	17 Z 25
Distributing Office	Same				

Opened as a post office . The following were Postmasters. John Lawrence 1851, David Candow and Helen Martin both in 1877, James Mifflin in 1882 and Jabez Saint in 1891. PM in 1931 was Bert Little. Earlier mails were by coastal packet. Later mails were daily by Bonavista Bay Railway. There was a dotted line Box cancel used here. All other known devices are illustrated. For many years, the Bonavista post office was in the Court House. For many years the Bonavista double split ring was thought not to exist or was never issued. Recently, a partial strike was found on cover.



Newfoundland Postal Money Order
REMITTER'S RECEIPT
No. 5161
Nov 14 1941
Payable at: St. Johns
Payee: Teelons.
Amount: \$ 1.50
Remitter: Gertrude Ryan
Issuing Office: Bonavista
Date Stamp: 25



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2 proofed Nov. 1914; were devices 2 and 3 used concurrently?



split ring No. 3; obliterator looks like 'mail bag crown'



double circles in Gothic and in Serif

BOND’S PATH

Open	1926	Closed	1930	Population	Not known
Bay	Placentia			Map 20 K 24	(Path End)
Distributing Office		St. Mary’s			

This location required a bit of detective work. Bond’s Path went from St. Mary’s to Path End. There was also a Path End post office for 1931 only. Luckily, both Postmasters had the same name. Problem Solved. First Postmaster was Mrs. J. Lynch. Postmaster in 1931 was Mrs. F. Collins. Also, luckily, not one but two proofs show up for Bond’s Path. This is my lucky day. I have just looked further along and a proof exists for Path End St. M. for Aug. 09 1930. I am going to stick my neck out on this one and say that Bond’s Path and Path End were one and the same.



BONNE BAY HARE BAY

Open	1900	Closed	1901	Population	Not known
Bay	Hare (South Coast One)		Location Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

Virtually nothing is known of this office. There is a Hare Bay (this one) on the South Coast. There is also a Hare Bay on the extreme North end of Newfoundland near St. Anthony. And wouldn’t you know it...BOTH Hare Bays had a settlement called Lock’s Cove. When it comes to Newfoundland, truth is stranger than fiction. No proofs or strikes seen.

BONNE BAY

Open Bay	July 1872 Bonne	Closed Location	Still Open At entrance to Bonne Bay	Population 1,200 Map 5 (Inset) U 7 (Woody Point)
Distributing Office	Same			

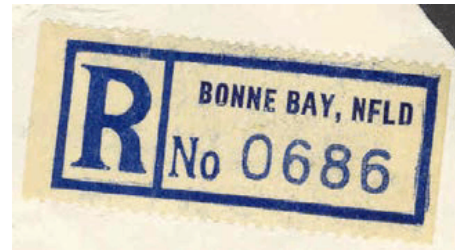
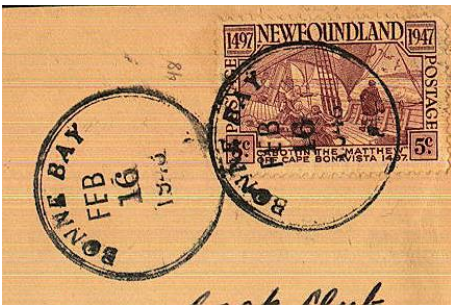
To begin with, the name of the settlement is Woody Point. Along with the other section of town called Curzon Village, these two constitute the post office called Bonne Bay. Bonne Bay opened as a way office in 1872 with John R. Roberts as waykeeper. It became a post office in 1884. It must be realized that during this period, Bonne Bay, Bay of Islands, indeed, the whole West Coast of Newfoundland were virtually unknown territory to most Newfoundlanders, including the powers that be in St. John's. Postmaster in 1931 was A. R. Roberts. PM in 1938 was Mrs. Ruby Roberts (wife?) who assumed position on December 01 of that year. J.A. Follett was appointed PM on March 16 1942 BUT Miss May Kennedy was appointed Acting PM on March 30. Mails in Summer were weekly by S.S. Sagona from Humbermouth. In Winter, mails were by courier from Deer Lake Station and up the "Great Northern Mail Road." (parts of which still exist).



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



courtesy John Oldford

BOOT HARBOUR

Open Bay	1892 Notre Dame	Closed Location	1945 Not known (Twillingate District)	Population 110
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First Postmaster was Frederick Thistle. Pm in 1931 is not listed. One split ring has been seen.



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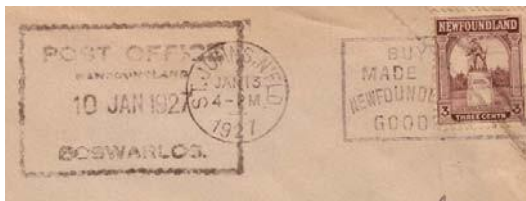
BOSWARLOS

Open	1907	Closed	1944	Population	136
Bay	Port Au Port	Location	Port Au Port Peninsula	Map	5 Z 4
Distributing Office			Port Au Port		

First Postmaster is not known. PM in 1931 was Jacob Hewitt. Officially (re)opened July 01 1944 BUT closed again on September 02 1944. Mails were daily from Stephenville Crossing station Trs. 1 and 2 via Port au Port. Very little can be found regarding this location. Boswarlos reopened after Confederation in 1963 and closed on August 20 1970. One misspelled (BoswarlAs) seen from this office.



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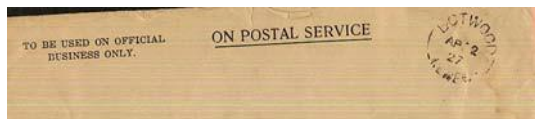


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BOTWOOD

Open	1913	Closed	Still Open	Population	1,100
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Exploits Bay	Map	9 W 17
Distributing Office			Same		

This office was previously called Botwoodville until 1912. Postmaster in 1931 was Lilian Payne who, was also telegraph operator. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Bishops Falls station. This location was an airbase for Trans-Atlantic seaplane operations. There was also a dotted line Box cancel in use at this office.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



courtesy Jim Leutje

BOTWOODVILLE

Open	1892	Closed	1913	Population	1,100
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Exploits Bay	Map	9 W 17
Distributing Office		Same			

Changed it's name to Botwood in 1913. First Postmaster was Jacob Bendell. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Bishops Falls station. This location was also a Telegraph station.



BOWATERS CORNER BROOK

Open	1946	Closed	1949	Population	none
Bay	Bay Of Islands	Location	Corner Brook	Map	6 X 7
Distributing Office		Corner Brook			

This office was located on the plant premises of the Bowaters Pulp Mill for the convenience of the workers and staff. The Postmaster is not known but may have been the company itself which, was often the case for offices in industrial situations. In Post-Confederation times, this office would have been a "Sub." A split ring has been recorded for this office but not seen. The double circle from Bowaters is a common mark from Newfoundland.



BOXEY

Open	1890	Closed	June 10 1970	Population	181
Bay	Fortune	Location	North coast of Fortune Bay	Map 18	G 16
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Clara M. Miles. PM in 1931 was Adam Miles. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia. Note that the same split ring is still in use after 57 years.



BOYD'S COVE

Open	1895	Closed	1982	Population	297
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Near Twillingate	Map 9	U 19
Distributing Office		Same			

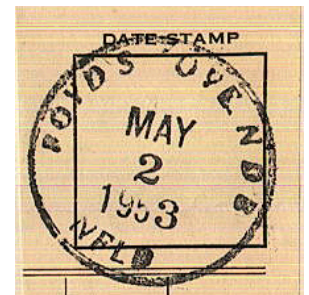
First Postmaster was Joseph Newman. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Patrick Clair. Miss Alma Waterman was appointed PM on June 01 1939. PM in 1936 was Miss Lucy Head. William Waterman was appointed on September 04 1937. PM in 1942 was Miss Elsie Freake. Mails were weekly by S.S. Clyde from Lewisporte. Two split rings and a double circle are known. The illustration of split ring No. 1 is a bad strike but enough of the arc shows that it differs from No. 2.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



BRADLEY'S COVE

Open	1926	Closed	1931	Population	99
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay North	Map 17	D 26
Distributing Office		Carbonear			

First Postmaster was Harold Whalen. PM in 1931 was Nehemiah Whalen. Mails were Carbonear by Conception Bay railway via courier. No proofs or strikes from this office seen.

BRAGG'S ISLAND

Open	1913	Closed	July 31 1955	Population	209
Bay	Bonavista	Location	North Bonavista Bay	Map	10 X 23

First Postmaster was Mrs. D. Glover who, still held the position in 1931. Miss Irene Feltham was appointed PM on April 30 1939, but this was rescinded and Frederick Winter took over the position on May 01 1939. PM on April 06 1946 was Miss Marie Parsons. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff. Bragg's Island was one of the abandoned outposts under the Newfoundland Resettlement Programme. One split ring seen.



courtesy Doug Hannan

BRAKES COVE

Open	1920	Closed	February 15 1938	Population	61
Bay	Bay Of Islands	Location	Middle Arm	Map	6 W 7
Distributing Office		Cox's Cove			

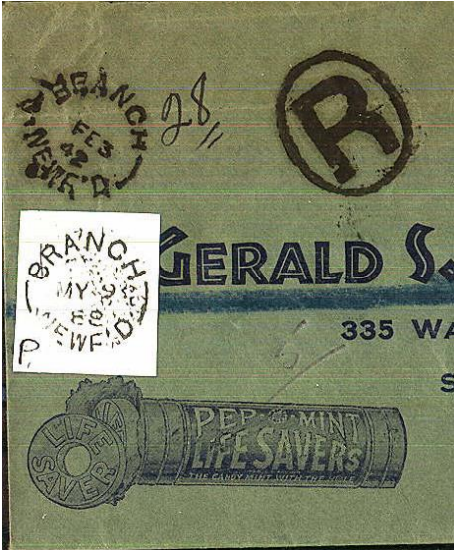
First Postmaster was Mrs. E. Delaney who, still held the position in 1931. Mails were twice weekly from Humbermouth by S.S. George L. A proof is known from Sept. 1937. Obviously there was an earlier split ring.



BRANCH

Open	1875	Closed	June 01 1988	Population	386
Bay	St. Marys	Location	South end "Cape Shore"	Map	20 K 23
Distributing Office		St. Brides			

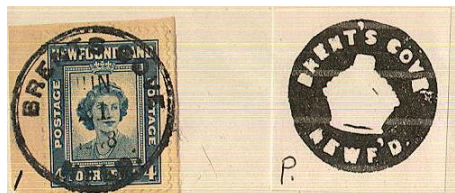
Opened as a way office July 1875 with John W. English as waykeeper. and Margaret English in 1876. Became a post office in 1891 with John. W. English as Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Agnes English who, was also telegraph operator. Mails were weekly from Placentia by courier. After closing in 1988, Branch continued postal service with a succession of three retail offices, the latter of which is still open. It appears that this office was using the same split ring for 54 years.



BRENT'S COVE

Open	1887	Closed	Still Open	Population	140
Bay	Ocean	Location	Baie Verte Peninsula	Map	4 S 15
Distributing Office		La Scie			

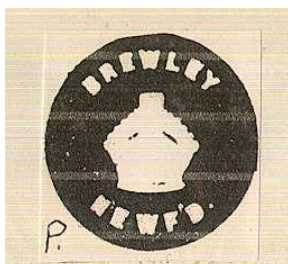
Opened in 1887 as a way office with John Carroll as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Lizzie Sullivan. Mails in Summer were weekly by S.S. Prospero via La Scie. In Winter by courier from Lewisporte via La Scie.



BREWLEY

Open	1903	Closed	June 19 1952	Population	88
Bay	Placentia	Location	North end Merasheen Island	Map	Not shown
Distributing Office			Arnold's Cove		

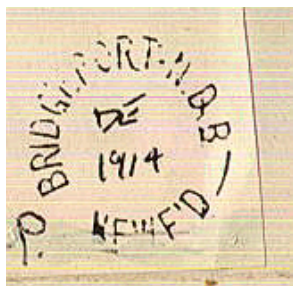
This office must have had a closed period as it was listed as a new office opened July 1 1938 with Mrs. J.J. Travers as PM, followed by Mrs. Ellen Lake on April 17 1940. Another piece of linguistic detective work on this one. If a Newfoundlander said Brewley, how would he spell it ? BRULE. On the North end of Merasheen Island was Great and Little Brule. First Postmaster was Mrs. William Emberley who, in 1931 still held the position. Mails were weekly on Tuesdays by motor boat from Arnold's Cove. Brewley is another victim of the Resettlement Programme. One split ring seen. PB for Placentia Bay.



BRIDGEPORT

Open	1914	Closed	Still Open	Population	225
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	New World Island	Map	9 U 19
Distributing Office			Moreton's Harbour		

Previously called Chance Harbour and was changed by the Nomenclature Board because of another Chance Harbour (also with a post office) in the same Notre Dame Bay. Hey! It's Newfoundland. First Postmaster was Elsie Jones. PM in 1931 was Reginald Noel. Mails in Summer were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde via Moreton's Harbour. During Winter by courier from Lewisporte railway via Moreton's Harbour.



BRIENS STAND

Open	1907	Closed	1933	Population	Not known
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay South	Map	Not shown but 21 G 26
Distributing Office			Holyrood or possibly same		

Another detective story. On an old map I located a "Briens" on the railway line just past Holyrood. This location is designated as HM (Harbour Main). The Harbour Main area is the head of Conception Bay. Same area. I must conclude that this is the answer for the location of this office. First Postmaster was Mary Kielly. PM in 1931 was F.M. Lacour. Mails would have been daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Holyrood or at location if catchpost was used on the Newfoundland railway system. I am not sure on this aspect. No proofs or strikes seen.

BRIG BAY

Open	1903	Closed	June 11 1965	Population	98
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Great Northern Peninsula	Map 1	L 11
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Thomas H. Sheppherd. PM in 1931 was Jonas G. Jackman. Mails in Summer were weekly from Humbermouth by S.S. Sagona. In Winter were from Deer Lake railway station by courier over the "Great Northern Mail Road." In 1965 this office merged with that of Plum Point to become Plum Point. A proof is known from 1915, so obviously there was an earlier split Ring and the Pritchard & Andrews proof books are missing EVERYTHING from 1894 until 1904.



BRIGHTON

Open	1911	Closed	Still Open	Population	158
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Triton Island	Map 8	U 16
Distributing Office		Pilley's Island			

Originally called Dark Tickle and had a post office under that name from 1903 to 1911. The first Postmaster was Owen Fudge. PM in 1931 was Mrs. S.R. Fudge. PM in on October 01 was Miss Audrey Bridger. Mails in Summer were weekly by S.S. Clyde from Lewisporte via Pilley's Island. During Winter by courier from Springdale via Pilley's Island. Two split rings known.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2

BRIGUS CROSS ROADS

Open	1895	Closed	1931	Population	25
Bay	Conception	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Brigus Junction			

First Postmaster was John Byrne. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Annie Hayes. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway via Brigus Junction.



courtesy NSSC

BRIGUS GULLIES

Open	1899	Closed	1931	Population	134
Bay	Conception	Location	Not known		

First Postmaster was Mrs. Lizzie Roberts in 1899. Mrs. Charlotte Roberts presided in 1900. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Herbert Curnew. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway via Brigus Junction.

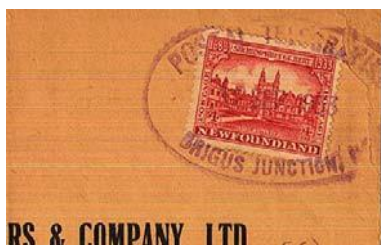
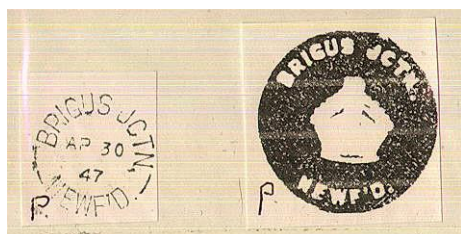


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BRIGUS JUNCTION

Open	1920	Closed	Still open	Population	108
Bay	Inland	Location	Avalon Peninsula	Map 21 G 25	
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was George Hobbs. PM in 1931 was Jerome Williams who, was also the telegraph operator. This office closed on January 31 1946 but reopened on December 16 1946. The Brigus Junction office was removed from the railway office and closed on January 31 1946. On December 16 1946 it was reopened but location is not given. Mails were daily by Trs. 1 and 2. Obviously there was an earlier split ring.

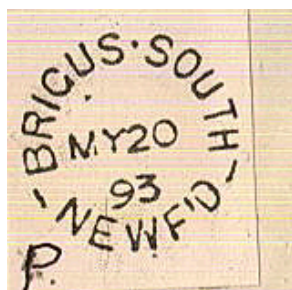


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BRIGUS SOUTH

Open	1893	Closed	1931	Population	93
Bay	Ocean	Location	South shore "Irish Loop"	Map 21 H 27	
Distributing Office		Cape Broyle			

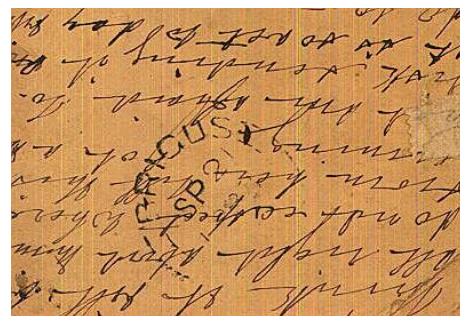
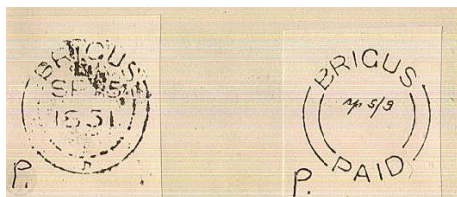
This office was not located anywhere near all of the other Brigus' (Brigi ?). First Postmaster was John Battock. PM in 1899 was W.J. Battock (may have been the same). PM in 1931 was John Gregory. Mails were by the South Shore courier via Cape Broyle.



BRIGUS

Open	1851	Closed	Still Open	Population	886
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay North	Map	21 F 25
Distributing Office		Same			

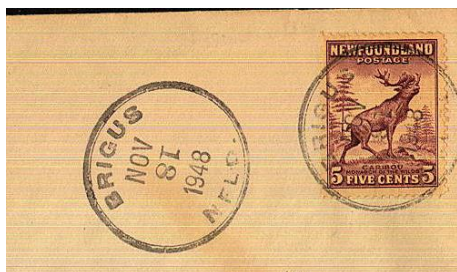
One of the oldest settlements in Newfoundland, Brigus opened as a post office in 1851. The first Postmaster was Wm. T. Stentafor. Sarah Stentafor was PM in 1857 and Hilda Bartlett in 1900. PM in 1931 was Alice Bartlett who, was also telegraph operator. Early mails were by Conception Bay Packet. Later distribution was daily by Conception Bay Railway via Brigus Junction.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



misspelled 'DRIGUS'
split ring circa 1911

BRISTOL'S HOPE

Open	1911	Closed	1934	Population	149
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay North	Map	17 E 25
Distributing Office		Carbonear			

This location was previously called Mosquito Cove and operated a post office under that name from 1900 to 1911. First Postmaster was John Peddle. PM in 1931 was Mrs. John Tomey. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway via Carbonear.



BRITANNIA COVE

Open	1881	Closed	1923	Population	101
Bay	Trinity	Location	Smith Sound Random Island	Map	16 C 23
Distributing Office		Same			

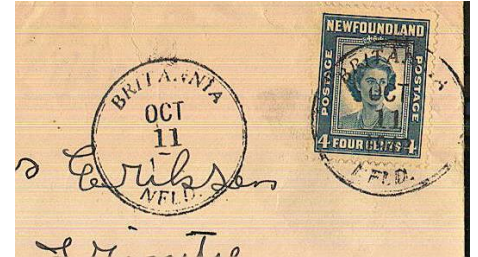
Open as a way office in 1881 with L. Taverner as waykeeper. Pierce Currie became second waykeeper in 1883. Upgraded to post office status in 1884 with Currie as first postmaster. The name of the office was changed to Britannia in 1923. This was basically the same office for the time frame 1881 to 1965.



BRITANNIA

Open	1923	Closed	September 28 1965	Population	101
Bay	Trinity	Location	Smith Sound Random Island	Map	16 C 23
Distributing Office		Same			

Previously called Britannia Cove with a post office under that name from 1881 to 1923. First Postmaster was Laurence Leawood who, was also telegraph operator. He still held the position in 1931. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu. Britannia closed in 1965 because a post office opened at Lower Lance Cove, the next nearby settlement.



BRITISH HARBOUR

Open	1884	Closed	September 09 1968	Population	156
Bay	Trinity	Location	Random Passage	Map	16 B 24
Distributing Office		Same			

Open in 1884 as a way office with Arthur Gardiner as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Arthur as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was E. Anderson who, was also telegraph operator. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu. In 1968, British Harbour became a victim of the Resettlement Programme and was totally abandoned.



split ring No.1 split ring No. 2



courtesy of Doug Hannan

BROAD COVE BAY de VERDE

Open	1886	Closed	September 23 1991	Population	407
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay North	Map	17 D 26
Distributing Office		Carbonear			

Open 1886 as a way office with Jabez LeGrow as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Jabez as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Fred LeGrow. PM in 1938 was Miss Mildred Butt as of August 6. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway via Carbonear station and courier. There is a problem sorting out this location from the five other Broad Coves. Broad Cove North Shore, Broad Cove Bay de Verde, Broad Cove Carbonear are all in one and the same office. Split ring No. 1 reads N.C. but was replaced by N.S. (North Shore) three years later. This location closed in 1991 and was replaced with a retail office which remains open.



split ring No. 2 split ring No. 1



split ring No. 3



BROAD COVE BONA VISTA BAY

Open	1887	Closed	1931	Population	165
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Newman Sound	Map	16 Z 23 (area)
Distributing Office		Happy Adventure			

The hammer face could read Broad Cove (Newman Sound.) This would locate it just to West of Happy Adventure. Open as away office in 1887 with Patrick Lawton as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Patrick as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Theresa Weeks. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff via Happy Adventure. No proofs or strikes seen.

BROAD COVE RENEWS

Open	1888	Closed	1914	Population	93
Bay	Ocean	Location	South Avalon "Irish Loop"	Map	21 K 27 Cappahayden
Distributing Office		Ferryland			

Changed to Cappahayden in 1914. Open as a way office in 1888 with Timothy Lawlor as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1895 with Jane Murphy as first Postmaster. PM in 1899 was Elizabeth Murphy. Mails would have been from St. John's by the South Shore courier via Ferryland. No proofs or strikes seen but would probably read Broad Cove Renewes or SS.

BROAD COVE TRINITY BAY

Open	1884	Closed	1894	Population	Not known
Bay	Trinity	Location	Smiths Sound	Map	Not known
Distributing Office		Not known			

Open as away office in 1884 with James Pilley as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891. Closed in 1894. Nothing else is known of this office. There is a Broad Cove on Smiths Sound on the topo map. It is the present day location of Harcourt. Eureka ! The office of Sandy Point Smiths Sound opened in 1894, the year Broad Cove closed. Sandy Point closed in 1912. From the proceedings of the Nomenclature Board "Sandy Point Smiths Sound Trinity Bay to be Harcourt". Harcourt opened in 1912. No proofs or strikes seen.

BROAD COVE ST. JOHN'S WEST

Open	1888	Closed	1889; Reopened 1896; Closed 1906	Population	631
Bay	Conception	Location	Avalon Peninsula	Map	21 F 27 St. Philips
Distributing Office		St. Johns			

Opened as a way office in 1888 with David Tucker as waykeeper. Closed in 1889. Reopened in 1896 as a post office with David Tucker as Postmaster. Name of location changed to St. Philips in 1906. Mails daily by wagon from St. John's.



BROADS

Open	1910	Closed	1931	Population	150
Bay	Conception	Location	Not known	Map	17 Area
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was Jacob Moores who, still had the appointment in 1931. Nothing else is known of this office. No proofs or strikes seen.

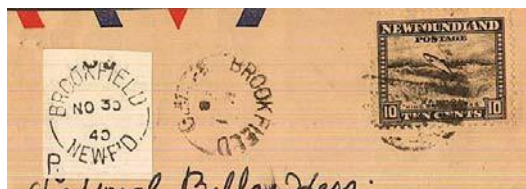
BROOKFIELD

Open	1907	Closed	Still open	Population	207
Bay	Bonavista	Location	New Wes Valley	Map	10 W 24
Distributing Office		Wesleyville			

First Postmaster was Nathan Kean. PM in 1931 was Rosie Blackwood who, was also telegraph operator. PM and TO in 1936 was Miss Joyce Reader. PM and TO in 1942 was Miss Wilhelmina Stockley. Mails in Summer were weekly by motor ferry from Gambo via Wesleyville. In Winter by courier from Gambo via Wareham.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2

BROOKLYN

Open	1879	Closed	July 28 1986	Population	187
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Goose Bay Bonavista Bay	Map	16 A 23
Distributing Office		Same			

Open in 1879 as a way office with M.D. Stares as Waykeeper. Became a post office in 1885 with Stares as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Albert C. Pye. PM in 1936 was Mrs. B.M. Ricketts. PM in 1937 was Mrs. Alfonzo Stares. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff. Two split rings seen.



split ring No. 1



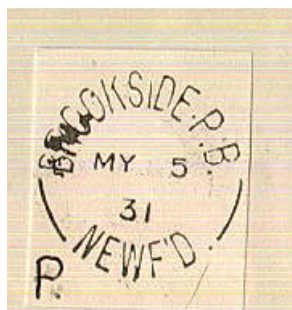
split ring No. 2 NDB



BROOKSIDE

Open	1931	Closed	April 30 1970	Population	25
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map	19 G 19
Distributing Office		St. Josephs			

Previously named Boat Harbour North East. First Postmaster was Mrs. Elias Smith, the last PM of Boat Harbour North East. Mails were weekly from Argentia by S.S. Portia via St. Josephs. PB for Placentia Bay.



BROOM'S COVE

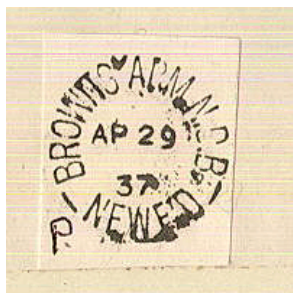
Open	1911	Closed	1920	Population	55
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was Eleanor Coleman. Nothing else is known of this office including proofs or strikes.

BROWNS ARM

Open	1929	Closed	August 03 1970	Population	132
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Bay of Exploits	Map	9 W 18
Distributing Office		Lewisporte			

No Postmasters are listed in 1931 guide, as a matter of fact there is no Browns Arm listed either. This office is listed as Officially open on April 1 1937 (1st OR 2nd time ?) with R.H. Cornick as Postmaster. In later guides 1948 and 1950, mails are delivered Fridays from Lewisporte by courier. A proof is shown for 1937. Obviously there was an earlier split ring OR the open date is in error.



BROWN'S COVE

Open	1929	Closed	1931	Population	40
Bay	White	Location	Head of White Bay	Map	7 U 11
Distribution Office		Same			

First and only Postmaster was Maud Langford. Mails in Summer were fortnightly from Lewisporte by S.S. Earl Of Devon. In Winter by courier from Deer Lake railway station via Hampden.



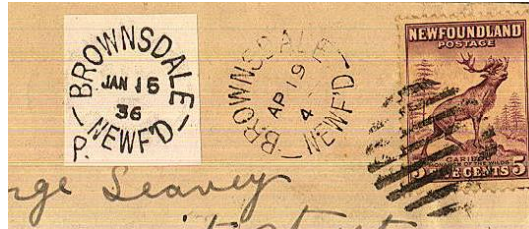
BROWNSDALE

Open	1911	Closed	Still Open	Population	157
Bay	Trinity	Location	South Side Trinity Bay	Map	17 C 26
Distributing Office		Hants Harbour			

Previously called Lance Cove Trinity Bay South. A post office under that name was open from 1900 to 1911 when the name was changed by the Nomenclature Board. First Postmaster was Lydia Strong. PM in 1931 was Mrs. C. Armstrong. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu via Hants Harbour. Two split rings known from this office. TB for Trinity Bay.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



courtesy John Oldford

BRUNETTE

Open	1882	Closed	December 17 1957	Population	221
Bay	Fortune	Location	Island in Middle of Fortune Bay	Map	18 H 15
Distributing Office		Not known			

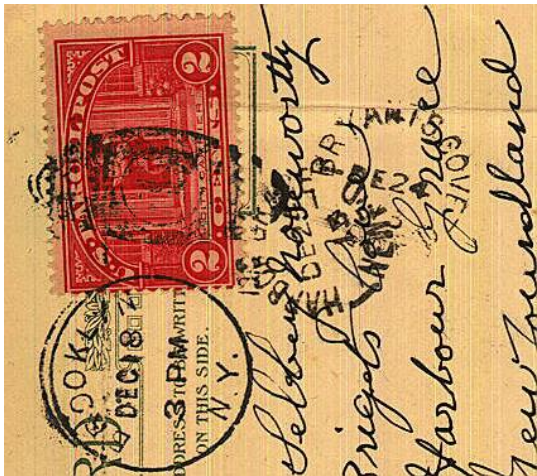
Opened as a way office in 1882 with Ambrose Thornhill as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Ambrose as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Mrs. M. Hillier. It is uncertain how mails were delivered as Brunette is not listed as a port of call for either the Portia or the Glencoe. Being a rather out of the way place, there had to be a local delivery system in place. Probable dispatch points were Fortune or Grand Bank. One split ring seen and it was still in use 52 years later. No post-confederation CDS was proofed, so it is possible that this sole device was used up until the last day.



BRYANT'S COVE

Open	1896	Closed	1931	Population	329
Bay	Conception	Location	Harbour Grace area	Map	17 E 25
Distributing Office			Harbour Grace		

First Postmaster was Selby Noseworthy. PM in 1931 was A. Noseworthy. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway via Harbour Grace. This office reopened September 15 1959 and closed August 27 1970.



BUCHANS MINES

Open	1932	Closed	1945	Population	Nil
Bay	Inland	Location	Buchans	Map	7 Y 11

There is no information on this office. The Postmaster was likely listed as the Company. No proofs or strikes seen although my research source says strikes listed from 1932 to 1945. On speculation, the device could have been a split ring or a NEWF'D CDS.

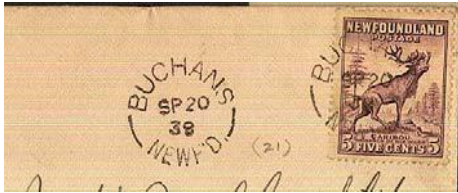


courtesy Bob Soper

BUCHANS

Open	1928	Closed	December 09 1992	Population	1104
Bay	Inland	Location	Red Indian Lake	Map	7 Y 11
Distributing Office		Millertown Junction			

Buchans was the site of a large base metals mine. First Postmaster was George Murphy who, was still in that position in 1931. Mails were daily by Trs. 1 and 2 from Millertown Junction. This location reopened as a retail office on October 19 1992 and remains open. One split ring is known as well as both dotted and wavy line Box and a double circle.



NEWFOUNDLAND MONEY ORDER ADVISE
 No 2897 Buchans

Paying Office, State or Province, *Western Bay*

Payee *Mrs. Geo. Cranley*

Remitter *Geo. Cranley*

Amount *Eighty* Dollars *80* Cents

Signature of P.M. *G. Murphy*



courtesy Doug Hannan



courtesy John Oldford



courtesy John Oldford

BURGEO PLACENTIA BAY

Open	1888	Closed	1911	Population	38
Bay	Placentia	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

Opened as a way office in 1888 with James Chambers as way keeper. Became a post office in 1891 with John Chambers as Postmaster and James again in 1896. This office was renamed Chambers by the Nomenclature Board in 1911 and an office under that name continued until 1931. There are no references to either name in "nixie" list and no location can be found for either name. Only one reference for Chambers says Placentia Bay TPO. As is expected, a proof or strike of either location not seen.

BURGEO

Open	1856	Closed	Still Open	Population	823
Bay	Ocean	Location	South Coast	Map	12 F 8
Distributing Office		Same			

Became a post office in 1856 with Richard Bradshaw as the first Postmaster. In 1864, Francis A. Parsons became PM. Starting in 1883 John C. Cunningham held the position. In 1931, T.L. Banfield was PM and telegraph operator. Mails were twice a week from either direction. From Argentia by S.S. Glencoe or Port Aux Basques by S.S. Portia. In earlier times, the mail boat was S.S. Sagona as per heading on Split ring No. 1. The double split ring was not one of the originals. Two split rings and a Postal Telegraph Oval are known from Burgeo.



split ring No
split ring No.1



split ring No. 2

BURGOYNE'S COVE

Open	1900	Closed	Still Open	Population	70
Bay	Trinity	Location	Smiths Sound Random	Map	16 B 23
Distributing Office		Same			

Open in 1899. First Postmaster was Matthias Pitcher. PM in 1931 was Elizabeth Steele. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu. It is possible that there was an earlier split ring.



BURIN BAY ARM

Open	1897	Closed	March 30 1990	Population	91
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map	19 J 18
Distributing Office		Burin			

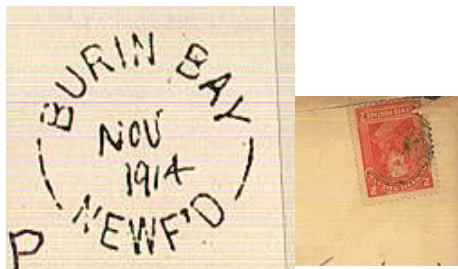
Open 1897 with Philip Hollett as Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Richard Broydell. This office had a closed period, likely 1931. Reopened November 01 1937 with Mrs. R.P. Broydell as PM. Mails were twice weekly by S.S. Portia and S.S. Glencoe via Burin. Location has since reopened with two retail offices, the latter which remains open. One split ring seen.



BURIN BAY

Open	1914	Closed	1945	Population	297
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map 19 J 18	(not precise)
Distributing office		Burin			

Open in 1914 with Mrs. Harriett Hoban as Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Richard Rowe. Mails were twice weekly by S.S. Glencoe or S.S. Portia via Burin.



BURIN NORTH

Open	1892	Closed	February 11 1959	Population	359
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map 19 J 18	approximate
Distributing Office		Burin			

Open in 1892 with Julia O'Neil as Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Ellen M. Coady. Mails were twice weekly by S.S. Portia and S.S. Glencoe via Burin. This office merged with Burin on February 11 1959. As well as the illustrated marks, a wavy line Box cancel was also in use at this office. Note that the CDS is a pre-confederation hammer (NEWF'D).



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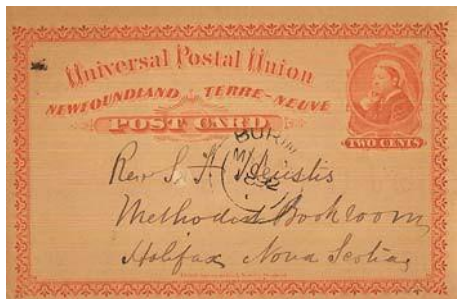
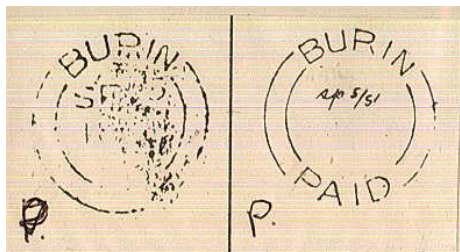
courtesy Brian Stalker



BURIN

Open	1851	Closed	Still Open	Population	2637
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map	19 J 18
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a post office in 1851 with Thomas Birkett. Thomas Winter was PM in 1864 and Jesse Winter in 1896. PM in 1931 was Millicent E. Reid. PM on November 16 1939 was E.D. Chislett. Mails were twice weekly by either S.S. Portia or S.S. Glencoe. In addition to the illustrated marks, a Postal Telegraph Oval has been recorded.



BURIN Postal
Telegraph Oval

courtesy John Oldford

BURLINGTON

Open	1914	Closed	Still Open	Population	230
Bay	Green	Location	Baie Verte Peninsula	Map	8 T 14
Distributing Office		Same			

Previously called Northwest Arm Green Bay and was an office under that name from 1900 to 1914. First Postmaster was George Robbins. PM in 1931 was L. V. Rowsell who, was also telegraph operator. Mails were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde. Other than the following illustrations, Burlington also had a Postal Telegraph Oval device. GB for Green Bay.



split ring No. 1 (GB)



split ring No. 2



BURN(S) COVE

Open	1922	Closed	1931	Population	80
Bay	Ocean	Location	South Shore "Irish Loop"	Map	21 H 27 (Burnt)
Distributing Office		St. John's			

First Postmaster was Mrs. T. Burke who, still maintained the position in 1931. Mails were daily from St. John's by the Southern Shore railway which extended to Trepassey. This office opened after Confederation on January 26 1953 and is still open. No strikes or proofs seen.

BURNSIDE

Open	1920	Closed	Still open	Population	178
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Eastport Bay	Map	10 Y 23
Distributing Office		Same			

Previously called Squid Tickle and operated under that name from 1907 until 1920. First Postmaster was Adelaide Burden. PM in 1931 is not listed. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff. This one split ring was in use up until 1957. BB for Bonavista Bay.



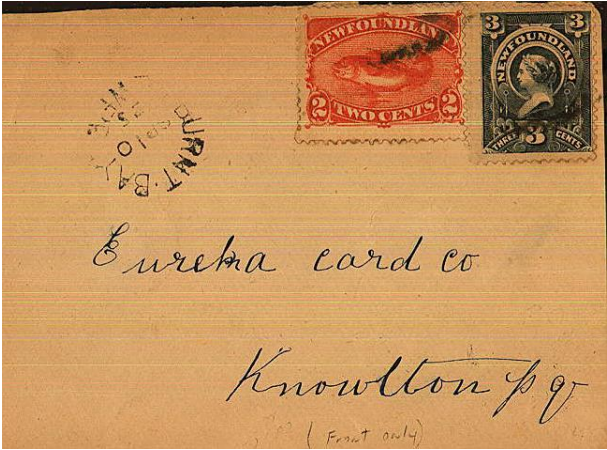
BURNT BAY

Open	October 1889	Closed	1904	Population	Not known
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Not known	Map 9 V 18	
				(Little Burnt Bay)	
Distributing Office	Not known				

There was a little Burnt Bay office in use from 1907 to 1931. There was also the general area and bay called Little Burnt Bay. Logically, we could say that the two offices were one and the same, however logic does not work when it comes to Newfoundland place names. First Postmaster was Nathaniel Turner. There were two proofs, one for 1891 and a second for 1892. It is noted that the cover (front) is dated September 92 (2 reversed). The second device, proofed in April of 92 should have been used but the strike is from the first device. Were the two being used concurrently?



split ring No. 1 split ring No. 2



split ring No. 1

BURNT HEAD

Open	1895	Closed	1931	Population	193
Bay	Trinity	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office	Not known				

Research notes indicate that this location was on Trinity Bay but Port de Grave District which would put it on Conception Bay. First Postmaster was John Bishop. PM in 1931 was Henry Bishop. One split ring seen.



courtesy Jim Leutje

BURNT ISLAND BONAVIDA

Open	1889	Closed	1949	Population	50
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Head of Bonavista Bay	Map	10 Y 23
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office in 1889 with Garrett Kelly as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891. PM in 1931 was Blanche Kelly. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff. One split ring seen.



BURNT ISLANDS BURGEO & LAPOILE

Open	October 1874	Closed	November 19 1990	Population	433
Bay	Ocean	Location	Southwest Coast	Map	11 F 3
Distributing Office		Same			

Open October 1874 as a way office with George Tweedle as waykeeper. Second waykeeper was Philip H. Brock in 1883. Became a post office in 1891 with Arthur Watts as Postmaster in 1893. Following PM's were J.N. Arnold in 1894, Sarah A. King in 1898 and Hannah Jane Eastman in 1899. PM in 1931 was George Keeping. Mails were twice weekly by both S.S. Glencoe from Argentia and S.S. Potia from St. John's. Both boats travelled to Port Aux Basques and back alternately. After closing as a post office, this location has had a succession of four retail offices, the latter of which is still open. One split ring seen.



BURNT POINT

Open	1885	Closed	Still Open	Population	311
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay North	Map	17 C 26
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office in 1885 with Thomas Tucker as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Thomas as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Mrs. E.B. Tucker. J.M. Tucker appointed PM on November 01 1936. Mails were by Conception Bay Railway from Carbonear via courier. Two split rings are known for this office.



GUARDIAN 4

BURNT POINT, CONCEPTION BAY, NEWFOUNDLAND



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2

BURNT ARM S.S. EXPLOITS

Open	1912	Closed	1931	Population	117
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Head of Bay of Exploits	Map	9 W 17
Distributing Office		Laurenceton			

First Postmaster was Florence Peyton. PM in 1931 was Luke Dean. Mails were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde via Laurenceton. The term S.S. Exploits refers to South Side Exploits. This was not the name of a boat. NDB for Notre Dame Bay.



BURNT ISLAND PLACENTIA BAY

Open	1921	Closed	1940	Population	95
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map	19 G 20
Distributing Office		St. Joseph's			

No Postmasters are known from this office. Mails would have been weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glendale via St. Joseph's. No proofs or strikes have been seen. Only two strikes have been recorded, one in 1921 and another in 1940. No strikes seen by me.

BURYING PLACE

Open	1893	Closed	1945	Population	100
Bay	Green	Location	Baie Verte Peninsula	Map	4 S 15
Distributing Office		La Scie			

This location was also known as Indian Burying Place. First Postmaster was John May. PM in 1931 was James Proule. Mails in Summer were fortnightly from St. John's by S.S. Prospero via La Scie. In Winter from Lewisporte by courier via La Scie. One split ring seen.



Indian Burying Place Green Bay

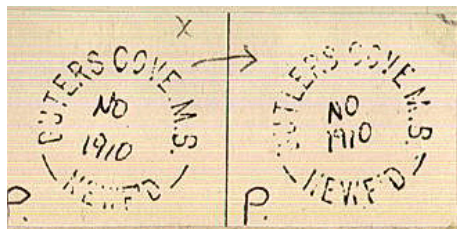


courtesy Murray Smith

BUTLER'S COVE

Open	1911	Closed	1929	Population	175
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map	No location
Distributing Office			Marystown		

First Postmaster was Benjamin Hollett. A proof strike for 1910 was made with a spelling mistake and a revised one followed. The MB offers a clue to the location and MAY be Mortier Bay, the area near Marystown. This office was renamed CRESTON BURIN in 1930. MS for Marystown South.



BUTTER COVE

Open	1912	Closed	1926	Population	67
Bay	Trinity	Location	South West Arm	Map	16 C 24
Distributing Office			Little Heart's Ease		

First Postmaster was Mrs. Joshua Spurrell. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu via Little Heart's Ease. One split ring seen.



CALVERT

Open	1931	Closed	Still open	Population	416
Bay	Ocean	Location	Southern Shore "Irish Loop"	Map	21 J 27
Distributing Office			Same		

Previously called Caplin Bay and operated as a way and post office under that name from 1882 until name change in 1931. The first Postmaster under the name of Calvert was Michael Ryan. Mails were daily from St. John's by the Southern Shore railway and/or courier. One split ring seen. FD stands for Ferryland District.



CAMPBELL'S CREEK

Open	1910	Closed	August 17 1970	Population	86
Bay	St. Georges			Map 5	A 4
Distributing Office		Port Au Port			

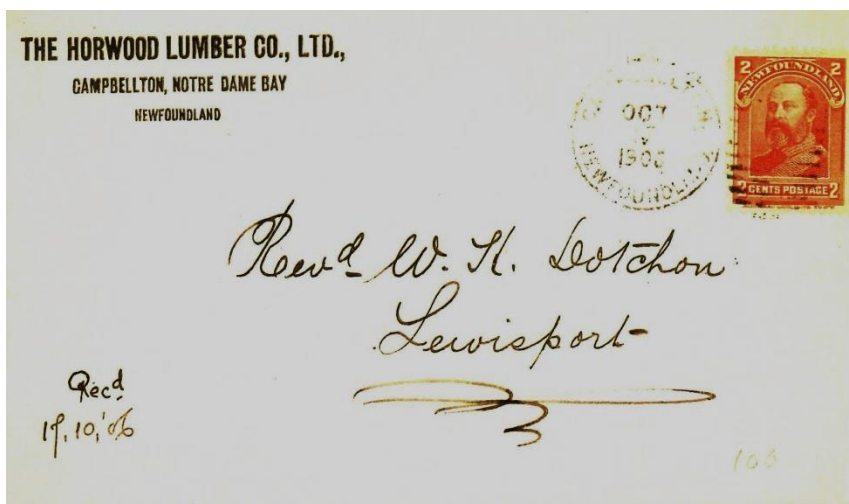
First Postmaster was Mrs. James March. No PM listing for 1931. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 Stephenville Crossing station via Port Au Port. Split ring No. 1 is very indistinct. Other marking is split ring No. 2 which was proofed in 1942.



CAMPBELLTON

Open	1900	Closed	Still open	Population	460
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Indian Arm Bay of Exploits	Map 9	V 18
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Alfred Young. PM in 1931 was Malvina Evans who, was also telegraph operator. PM and TO in 1942 was H. Elliot. Mails in Summer were weekly by S.S. Clyde from Lewisporte. In Winter were from Lewisporte via courier. Obviously there was an earlier split ring.



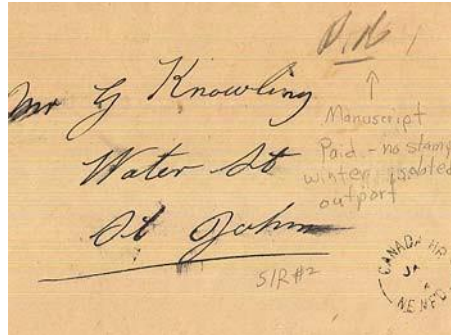
CANADA HARBOUR

Open	1910	Closed	September 17 1970	Population	55
Bay	White			Map 4	N 14
Distributing Office	Same (Hampden in Winter)				

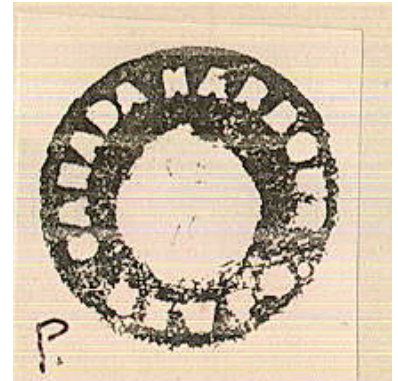
First Postmaster was John Reeves. PM in 1931 was Michael Clark. On September 30 1940, Miss Adele Dempsey was appointed PM. This was changed next day to Miss Josephine Fitzpatrick, appointed October 01 ! Mails in Summer were fortnightly from Lewisporte by S.S. Earl of Devon. In Winter from Hampden by courier. Two split rings have been seen from here. On cover for split ring no. 1, some joker has written "Please Rush" (from Northern Newfoundland in the dead of Winter ??). Split ring no. 2 shows an interesting occurrence that probably happened more than once. The post office had run out of stamps. It was January. The new supply would show up on the first boat (May ? June ?). A manuscript Pd was added in lieu of the stamp. In 1970, Canada Harbour became yet another victim of the "Resettlement Programme".



split ring No. 1



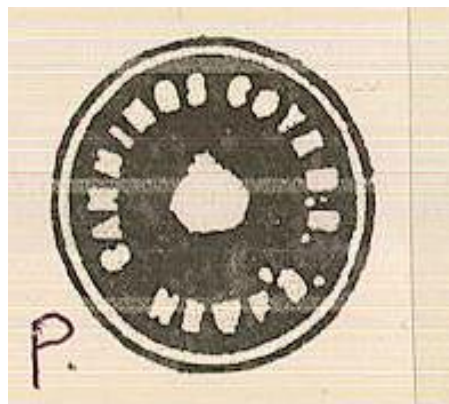
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CANNING'S COVE

Open	1912	Closed	September 17 1991	Population	188
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Clode Sound	Map 16 A	23
Distributing Office	Same (Musgravetown in Winter)				

First Postmaster was John Simmonds. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Heber Chapman. Officially (re)opened August 25 1944. Mails in Summer were weekly by S.S. Malakoff from Port Blandford. In Winter from Port Blandford railway station via Musgravetown. After closing in 1991, there were a succession of 3 retail offices, the latter of which is still open. One split ring seen. BB for Bonavista Bay.



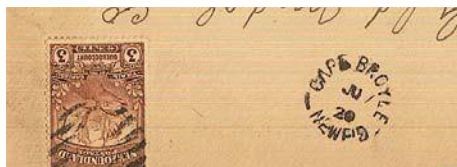
CAPE BROYLE

Open	1879	Closed	Still Open	Population	487
Bay	Ocean	Location	Southern Shore "Irish Loop"	Map 21	H 26
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office in 1879 with Martin Cashin as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Martin as first Postmaster and Bridget Cashin in 1893. PM in 1931 was Kate Walsh. PM in 1942 was Miss Madeline O'Brien. Mails were daily from St. John's by Southern Shore Railway and/or courier. Three split rings seen. The second not being proofed.



split ring No. 1 split ring No. 3



split ring No. 2



CAPE CHARLES

Open	1888	Closed	September 1992	Population	106
Bay	Ocean	Location	Labrador Coast	Off the map	
Distributing Office		Labrador TPO			

Very little is known of ALL Labrador post offices. Nearly all reference material completely ignores the fact that Labrador exists, let alone belonging to Newfoundland. This location was a Summer office only for most of its existence. Postmaster in 1942 was Thomas J. Pye. Mails in Summer were weekly from Humbermouth by S.S. Sagona. If there was Winter delivery, it would be by dog team from Quebec. This office was renamed Lodge Bay in 1992 and was still open in 2003. One split ring seen. There must have been an earlier one. If, like some of the other Labrador split rings, it would have read "Cape Charles Lab. Newf'd".



CAPE COVE

Open	1912	Closed	1931	Population	58
Bay	Ocean	Location	Fogo Island	Map	10 T 22
Distributing Office		Fogo			

First Postmaster was R.C. Cluett who, still held the position in 1931. Mails in Summer were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Home via Fogo. One split ring seen.



CAPE FREELS

Open	1885	Closed	May 31 1968	Population	219
Bay	Ocean	Location	New Wes Valley area	Map	10 V 24
Distributing Office		Wesleyville			

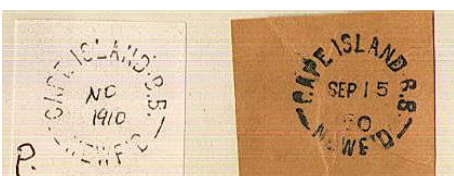
Open as away office in 1885 with William Hann as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with William as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Mrs. M. Humphries. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff via Wesleyville. Cape Freels was abandoned in 1968, another Resettlement Programme orphan. One split ring seen that was proofed in 1935, so an earlier one must exist. BB means Bonavista Bay.



CAPE ISLAND

Open	1909	Closed	January 31 1953	Population	120
Bay	Bonavista	Location	New Wes Valley area	Map	10 W 24
Distributing Office		Wesleyville			

First Postmaster was Charles Vincent. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Charles Vincent. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff via Wesleyville. This location was abandoned also by Resettlement Programme. One split ring was in use.



CAPE LA HUNE

Open	1882	Closed	April 07 1964	Population	199
Bay	Ocean	Location	South Coast	Map	13 F 11
Distributing Office		Same			

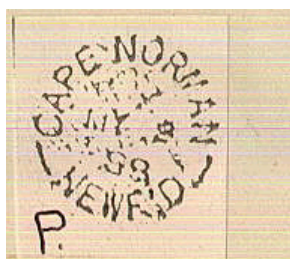
Open in 1882 as a way office with Robert Keeping as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Robert as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Arthur Matchim who, was also telegraph operator. Miss Gladys Edwards was PM and TO in February 1937. PM and TO as of November 18 1938. was A. Williams. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia. One split ring seen and a serrated Post Office Oval exists, part of which is shown.



CAPE NORMAN

Open	1885	Closed	1923	Population	20
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Northern tip of Newfoundland	Map	2 H 15
Distributing Office		Flowers Cove and/or St. Anthony			

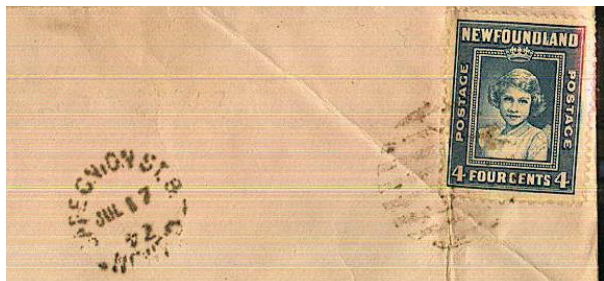
This location is at the extreme Northern tip of Newfoundland. Its sole existence was the operation of the lighthouse there. There are no harbours and the land is open, windswept and barren. All that remain today are the lighthouse and a small cemetery. Open as a way office in 1885 with John Brewer as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with John as Postmaster. Later PM's not known. Mails were likely sporadic. The nearest post office was Flowers Cove, many miles down the coast. St. Anthony did not really get going as a settlement until the 1920s. Fortunately a proof is known and also another strike that I know of.



CAPE ONION

Open	1911	Closed	May 06 1970	Population	164
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Northern tip of Newfoundland	Map 2	H 16
Distributing Office		Same			

This location more often than not will use its alternate name of Ship Cove. For postal purposes the name was selected because of the many other Ship Coves. First Postmaster was Abel Decker who also held the position in 1931. One split ring seen. St. B. stands for St. Barbe (district).



CAPE RACE

Open	1907	Closed	1945	Population	46
Bay	Ocean	Location	South tip of Avalon Peninsula	Map 21	L 26
Distributing Office		Trepassey			

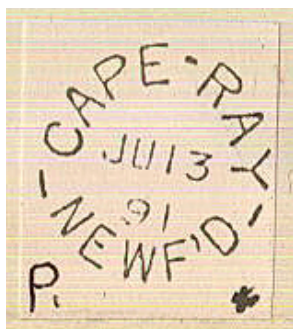
A small location with a famous lighthouse. Open in 1907 with Hannah G. Myrick as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Rose Myrick who was also telegraph operator. Cape Race is listed as closing on April 30 1941. Mails were infrequent from Southern Shore railway via Trepassey and courier. One split ring seen.



CAPE RAY

Open	1891	Closed	July 30 1991	Population	165
Bay	Cabot Strait	Location	Southwest tip Newfoundland	Map 11	F 2
Distributing Office		Port Aux Basques			

First Postmaster was William Poole. PM in 1931 was Joseph Janes. Mails were daily by ferry and Trs. 1 and 2 via Port Aux Basques/Channel. This location resumed postal service with the opening of a retail office April 16 1991 and is still open. Three split rings seen.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



split ring No. 3

CAPE SHORE

Open	1911	Closed	1931	Population	156
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Tip of Bonavista Peninsula	Map 17 Y 25	(lighthouse)
Distributing Office	Bonavista				

Cape Shore is the location of the Bonavista Lighthouse. First Postmaster was Joseph Mifflin. PM in 1931 was George Fifield. Mails were from Bonavista railway station via courier. No proofs or strikes seen.

CAPE ST. GEORGE

Open	1909	Closed	July 30 1991	Population	256
Bay	St. Georges	Location	Tip of Port Au Port Peninsula	Map 5 A 2	
Distributing Office	Port au Port				

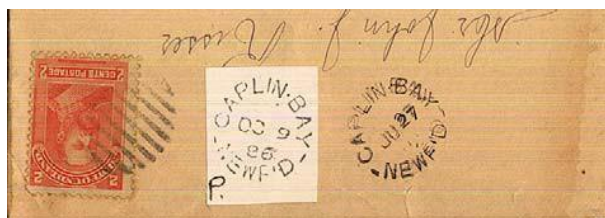
First Postmaster was John Cormack. PM in 1931 was Mrs. J. Kierfait. Mails were from Stephenville Crossing railway station via Port au Port and courier. One split ring and a NEWF'D CDS seen. There was obviously, an earlier split ring.



CAPLIN BAY

Open	1882	Closed	1931	Population	393
Bay	Ocean	Location	Southern Shore (Irish Loop)	Map 21 J 27	(Calvert)
Distributing Office	Same				

Name was changed to Calvert in 1931. Open as a way office in 1882 with William Johnson as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with William as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Michael Ryan. Mails were from St. John's first by courier and later by Southern Shore railway. One split ring seen.



CAPLIN COVE BAY de VERDE

Open	1887	Closed	Still Open	Population	202
Bay	Ocean	Location	Conception Bay North	Map	17 C 26
Distributing Office		Carbonear			

Open as a way office with Caroline Garland as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with George P. Garland as first Postmaster and Thomas Cull in 1896. PM in 1931 was Louisa Cull. Mails were from Carbonear railway station via courier. Three split rings seen. The third having BdeV because of another Caplin Cove operating during the time period.



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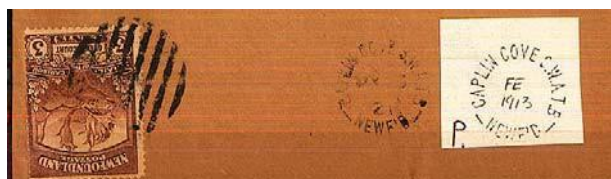


split ring No. 3

CAPLIN COVE RANDOM

Open	1910	Closed	1931	Population	61
Bay	Trinity	Location	Southwest Arm	Map	16 C 23
Distributing Office		Little Hearts Ease			

First Postmaster was Mrs. Joseph Whalen who, still held the position on closing in 1931. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu via Little Hearts Ease. One split ring seen. SWA TB means South West Arm Trinity Bay.



CAPPAHAYDEN

Open	1914	Closed	Still open	Population	73
Bay	Ocean	Location	Southern Shore "Irish Loop"	Map	21 K 27
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Elizabeth Murphy who, was still in the position in 1931. PM in 1942 was Miss Rita Murphy. Mails were from St. John's by Southern Shore railway and/or Courier. Two split rings seen. FYDIS means Ferryland District.



split ring No. 1

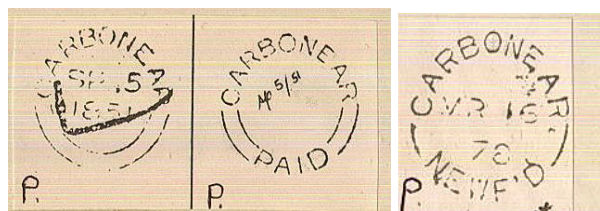


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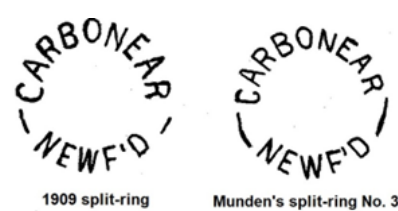
CARBONEAR

Open	1851	Closed	Still open	Population	3367
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay North	Map	17 E 25
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a post office in 1851. First Postmaster was Thomas Hanrahann. Succeeding PM's were John McCarty 1855, Mrs. Mary Casey 1859, Nicholas Nichole 1864 and Tryphena Nichole in 1884. Tryphoena Nicholl (alternate spelling) was killed in the post office fire on June 25 1904. The office was totally destroyed but she saved two people before succumbing herself. PM in 1931 was Thomas Powell and assistant James A. Pike. Mails during earlier years were by Conception Bay Packet. In later years by Conception Bay Railway. As well as the following illustrated, there were also a serrated Post Office Oval and a wavy line Box cancel.



split ring No. 1



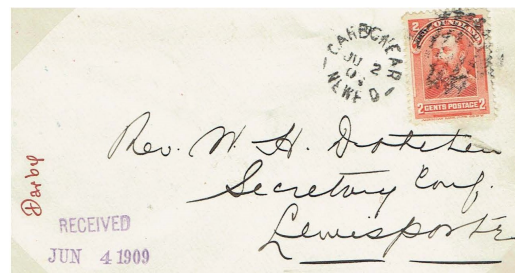
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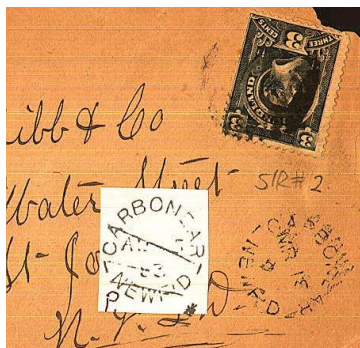
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NEWF'D CDS



A new Split ring In use ~1904-1914? Brian Stalker



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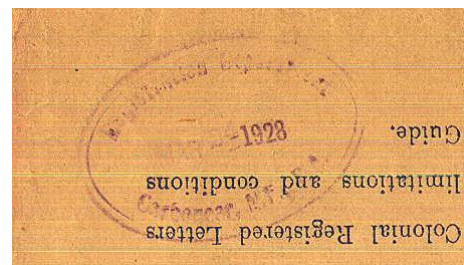
Courtesy of Brian Stalker



Courtesy of David Piercey



serrated oval



Registration Department



Updates courtesy of Brian Stalker and David Piercey: October 2025



Back-stamps on Registered Cover from Ottawa to Rev. Rust at Carboney



Courtesy of Brian Stalker



Straight line



CARD'S HARBOUR

Open	1946	Closed	March 31 1974	Population	129
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Triton Island	Map	8 U 16
Distributing Office			Triton		

Officially open on December 02 1946 with Mrs. Annie Williams as Postmaster. Mails were weekly on Tues from Triton via courier. One split ring is known.



courtesy John Oldford

CARMANVILLE

Open	1907	Closed	Still Open	Population	684
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Hamilton Sound	Map	10 V 21
Distributing Office			Same		

First Postmaster was Ellie Carnell. PM in 1931 was Mrs. A. Pennell who, was also telegraph operator. PM and TO in 1938 was Miss Anna McGrath. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Home. Two split rings seen. This office also had a Dotted line Box cancel. Shown are two different printings of the second series of Registered gummed labels.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



courtesy John Oldford



Beird Ltd
Carmenville Wavy line box

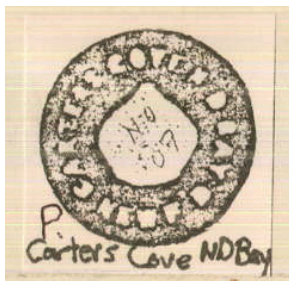
CARTER'S COVE

Open	1908	Closed	Still Open	Population	97
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	New World Island	Map	9 U 19
Distributing Office		Moreton's Harbour			

First Postmaster was Edward G. Farr who, still held position in 1931. PM in 1936 was Mrs. E. Farr. PM in 1937 was Raymond Farr. Mails were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde via Moreton's Harbour. Two split rings seen.



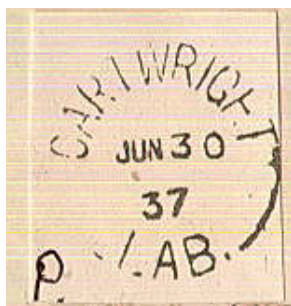
split ring No. 1 split ring No. 2



CARTWRIGHT

Open	1893	Closed	Still Open	Population	148
Bay	Sandwich	Location	Labrador	Map	Not on maps
Distributing Office		Same			

Names of Postmasters not known. Mails were fortnightly from St. John's by S.S. Kyle. Split Ring shown was No.2. No. 1 read CARTWRIGHT LAB NEWF'D.



split Ring No. 2



split ring No. 1

CARTYVILLE

Open	1900	Closed	June 06 1991	Population	61
Bay	Inland	Location	On rail Line St. Georges	Map	11 B 4
Distributing Office		Robinsons Station			

First Postmaster was Thomas W. Evans. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Irene Swyers. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Robinsons Station. One split ring seen. There is a possibility of an earlier one.



CAT HARBOUR POINT

Open Bay	1918 Ocean	Closed Location	1924 Northern Bonavista Bay	Population 149
				Map 10 V 23 (Queen's Head)
Distributing Office		Cat Harbour		

Changed its name to Lumsden North in 1924. First Postmaster was George Gibbons. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Home via Cat Harbour. No proofs or strikes seen.

CAT HARBOUR

Open	1876	Closed	1920	Population	268
Bay	Ocean	Location	Northern Bonavista Bay	Map 10 V 23	
Distributing Office		Same			

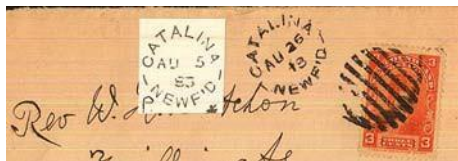
Changed its name to Lumsden in 1920. Open in 1876 with Henry Robbins as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Henry as waykeeper. Later PM was Hilda Goodyear. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Home on way to Fogo.



CATALINA

Open	1860	Closed	Still Open	Population	882
Bay	Trinity	Location	North Bonavista Peninsula	Map 17 Z 26	
Distributing Office		Same			

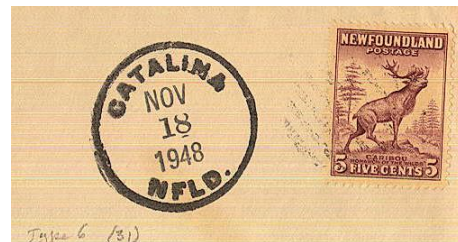
Open as a way office in 1860 with John Jeans as way keeper. William Collieridge in 1871 and Stephen Janes in 1874. Became a post office in 1878 with Stephen as first Postmaster. Following in succession were PM's: Tryphena Janes 1882, Tryphena Turner (married ?) 1885, Mr. Turner 1888, Cecilia Martin 1888, Joseph Guy 1891, Juliana Guy 1893, Joseph Guy 1893, Mrs. Joseph Guy 1896 and Aaron Bugden 1898. There was obviously a problem here somewhere. PM in 1931 was R. J. Miles. PM in 1942 was Miss L.E. Pelley. Mails were daily by Bonavista Bay Railway. There was a special "fancy" device in use here but I have not seen it. A Postal Telegraph Oval device was also in use at this office.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



CAT'S COVE

Open	1864	Closed	1908	Population	601
Bay	Conception	Location	Head of Conception Bay	Map	21 G 25
Distributing Office		Same			

Cat's Cove was changed to Avondale in 1908. Open as a way office in 1864 with Thomas O'Brien as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Thomas as first Postmaster. PM in 1893 was Edward O'Brien. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Cat's Cove (Avondale) station. One split ring seen and an early manuscript marking.



courtesy Doug Hannan

CAVENDISH

Open	1907	Closed	Still Open	Population	231
Bay	Trinity	Location	Lower Trinity Bay	Map	16 E 24
Distributing Office		Heart's Content			

First Postmaster was Mrs. E.L. Jerrett. PM in 1931 was Mrs. C. Critch. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu via Heart's Content and courier. One split ring seen. Obviously there was an earlier one.



CENTRE COVE

Open	1914	Closed	1931	Population	20
Bay	Trinity	Location	Bull Bay Arm		
Distributing Office		Possibly Arnolds Cove station			

First Postmaster was L.T. Piercey. PM in 1931 was Blanche Rockwood. No proofs seen. This location eventually became SUNNYSIDE. BB ARM for Bull Bay Arm.



courtesy Murray Smith

CHAMBERS

Open	1911	Closed	1931	Population	38
Bay	Placentia	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

Previously known as Burgeo (Placentia.) First Postmaster was Susanna Chambers. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Thos. Davis. One split ring seen. PB for Placentia Bay.



courtesy Doug Hannan

CHAMPNEYS WEST

Open	1911	Closed	1931	Population	209
Bay	Trinity	Location	Bonavista Peninsula	Map 17 A 25	
Distributing Office		Port Rexton			

First Postmaster was James Freeman who, still held the position in 1931. Mails were daily by Bonavista Bay Railway via Port Rexton. This office reopened after Confederation from September 26 1955 to July 31 1969. No strikes or proofs seen.

CHAMPNEYS (EAST)

Open	1911	Closed	July 31 1969	Population	261
Bay	Trinity	Location	Bonavista Peninsula	Map 17 A 25	
Distributing Office		Port Rexton			

First Postmaster was Martin White. PM in 1931 was M.B. Dewling. Mails were daily by Bonavista Bay Railway via Port Rexton. One split ring seen and it lacks the (East) designation. TB means Trinity Bay.



CHANCE COVE WEST

Open	1911	Closed	1931	Population	381
Bay	Trinity	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was James Freeman. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Josiah Warren.
No proofs or strikes seen.

CHANCE COVE (EAST)

Open	1892	Closed	Still Open	Population	293
Bay	Trinity	Location	"Neck" of the Avalon Peninsula	Map 16 E 23	
Distributing Office		Ranem Station			

First Postmaster was Soloman Miller. PM in 1931 was Emanuel Smith. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Ranem Station. Chance Cove (East) had a succession of four split rings with the fourth one misspelled (CHOVE) and corrected a month and a half later. It is not known if the misspelled one was put into use.



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CHANCE HARBOUR

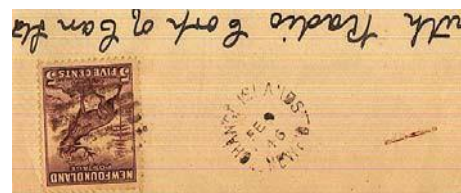
Open	1912	Closed	1916	Population	48
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was Elsie Jones. Nothing is known of this location, although there is a Chanceport for Notre Dame Bay near Moreton's Harbour at Map 9 U 19. No proofs or strikes seen.

CHANGE ISLANDS

Open	1878	Closed	Still Open	Population	976
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Between Twillingate and Fogo	Map	9 T 20
Distributing Office		Same			

Open in 1878 as a way office with Alfred Pike as waykeeper. Justinian Dowell was waykeeper in 1885. Became a post office in 1889 with Justinian as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was A.E. Hynes who, was also telegraph operator and Randolph Hoffe as messenger. Mails in Summer were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Home. In Winter from Lewisporte over the ice by courier.



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no dot between name parts



split ring No. 1 "G"
and dot between name parts

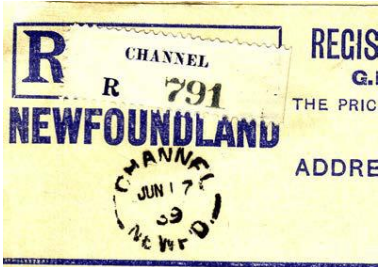
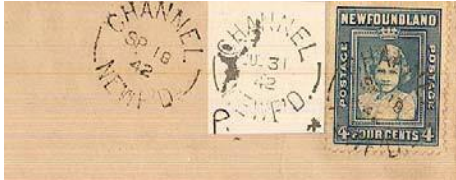


split ring No. 1 "G" and dot
between name parts

CHANNEL

Open	1864	Closed	August 21 1961	Population	1212
Bay	Cabot Strait	Location	Southwest tip of Newfoundland	Map	11 F 2
Distributing Office		Same			

This location has been called Port Aux Basques since the 1500s but Channel was the largest and earliest settlement/post office. Open as a way office in 1864 with H.T. Reid as waykeeper and John Hooper in 1865. Became a post office in 1870 with John as first Postmaster. PM in 1873 was William S. Green and Nathan Smith in 1874. PM in 1931 was Eli Manuel. Mails were daily by Trs. 1 and 2 and boat from the Mainland. Channel office merged with Port Aux Basques on August 21 1961 to become Channel-Port Aux Basques. A circular “fancy” and three split rings seen from here.



NEWF'D roller

courtesy Jim Leutje

CHAPEL ARM

Open	1906	Closed	Still Open	Population	282
Bay	Trinity	Location	Head of Trinity Bay	Map	20 F 24
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Ellen Power. PM in 1931 was Isabella Warren. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Long Harbour Station. One split ring seen.



CHAPEL(S) COVE

Open	1891	Closed	Still Open	Population	275
Bay	Conception	Location	Head of Conception Bay	Map	21 F 26
Distributing Office		Woodford's Station			

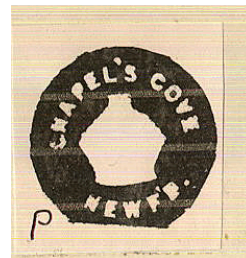
First Postmaster was James Hawco. PM in 1931 was Nicholas Coran. This office must have had a closed period, possibly from 1931. Office (re)opened August 1 1942 after the Woodfords office was shifted to Chapel Cove with Mrs. Thomas Terry as PM. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Woodford's Station. Two split rings seen.



split ring No. 1



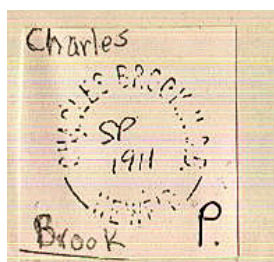
split ring No. 2



CHARLES BROOK

Open	1912	Closed	1939	Population	30
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Bay of Exploits	Map	9 V 17
Distributing Office		Point Leamington			

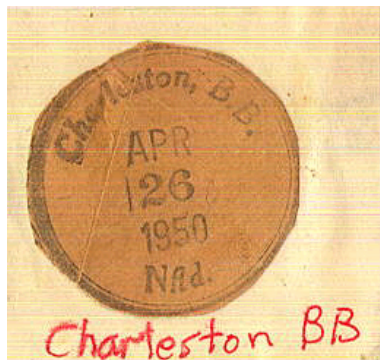
Charles Brook ceased postal service on November 30 1939. First Postmaster was Mrs. Josiah Purchase. PM in 1931 was Violet March. Last PM was Miss E. Hutchings. Mails in Summer were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde via Point Leamington and courier. In Winter from Lewisporte by courier. One split ring proof seen. NDB means Notre Dame Bay.



CHARLESTON

Open	1920	Closed	March 06 1989	Population	124
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Bonavista Peninsula	Map	16 A 23
Distribution Office		Sweet Bay			

First Postmaster was Laura Prince. PM in 1931 was Herbert Quinton. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff via Sweet Bay. One split ring seen. BB for Bonavista Bay.



CHARLOTTETOWN

Open	1891	Closed	Still Open	Population	202
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Clode Sound	Map	16 A 22
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Charlotte Spracklin. PM in 1931 was Lizzie Spracklin. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff. Two split rings seen. CS means Clode Sound.



split ring No. 1

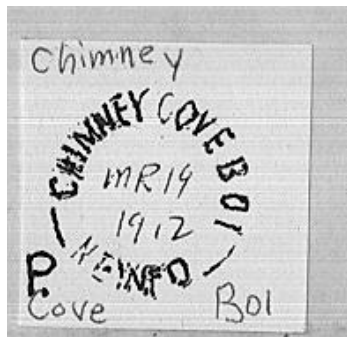


split ring No. 2

CHIMNEY COVE

Open	1901	Closed	1931	Population	61
Bay	St. Lawrence Gulf	Location	North of Bay of Islands	Map 6	V 6
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Peter Buffett who, still held the position in 1931. Mails were once a month from Humbermouth by S.S. George L. One split ring proof seen. BOI for Bay Of Islands.
If the opening date of 1901 is correct, then there had to be an earlier split ring.



split ring No. 2 ?

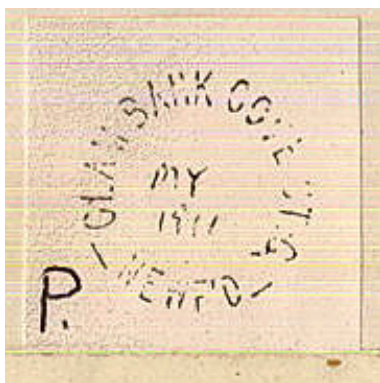
CLAM BANK COVE

Open	1901	Closed	1937	Population	115
Bay	St. Lawrence Gulf	Location	Port au Port Peninsula	Map 96 Z 3	(LOURDES)
Distributing Office		Port au Port			

First Postmaster was John W. McIsaac. PM in 1931 was Rev. M. O'Reilly. Became Lourdes in 1937. Two split rings seen. STG for St. Georges (District).



split ring No. 1
courtesy Murray Smith



split ring No. 2

CLARENVILLE SOUTH

Open	1903	Closed	1945	Population	126
Bay	Trinity	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Clarenvile			

It is not known whether this was an office in South side of Clarenvile or a separate location. First Postmaster was Walter Tilley. PM in 1931 was L. R. Janes. Mails were daily from Clarenvile. There was obviously an earlier split ring.



CLARENVILLE

Open	1891	Closed	Still Open	Population	523
Bay	Trinity	Location	Head of Random Sound	Map 16 C 22	
Distributing Office		Same			

This office was always the hub and main distribution point for all of Trinity Bay and the entire Bonavista Peninsula. First Postmaster was Janet Tilley. In 1893 PM was Jennie Tilley and 1894 Jennie Pittman (married). PM in 1931 was Flossie Balsom who, was also telegraph operator. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2. Two split rings seen.



Clarenvile post office circa 1940



Dotted line box



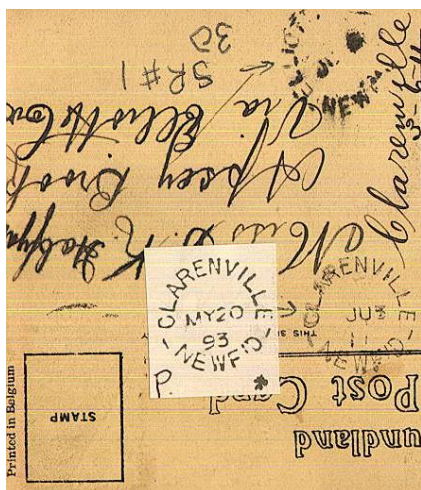
Wavy line box



2 of 4 different printing orders made for second series Registered gummed labels



2 of 4 different printing orders made for second series Registered gummed labels



split ring No.1



split ring No. 2



CLARKES BEACH

Open	1891	Closed	Still Open	Population	526
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay North	Map	21 F 25
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was William Newell. PM in 1931 was Harris Dawe who, was also telegraph operator. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



Dotted line box

CLATTICE HARBOUR

Open	1909	Closed	October 25 1966	Population	193
Bay	Placentia	Location	Paradise Sound Burin Pen.	Map	F 20
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was Mary Connors. PM in 1931 was Mary Bennett. Mail delivery not known. This location was another outpost to be depopulated from the Resettlement Programme. It appears that one split ring was used as I have the same on a 1954 piece.



CLATTICE SOUTH WEST

Open	1926	Closed	1931	Population	193
Bay	Placentia	Location	Paradise Sound Burin Pen.	Map	19 F 21
Distributing Office		Not known			

First and only Postmaster was Mrs. James Hipditch. Mail delivery not known. There are no strikes or proofs for this office.

CLIFTON

Open	1926	Closed	1930	Population	38
Bay	Trinity	Location	Smith Sound Random	Map	16 B 23
Distributing Office		Burgoynes Cove			

First Postmaster was the telephone operator. No name listed. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu via Burgoynes Cove. No proofs or strikes seen.

CLODE SOUND

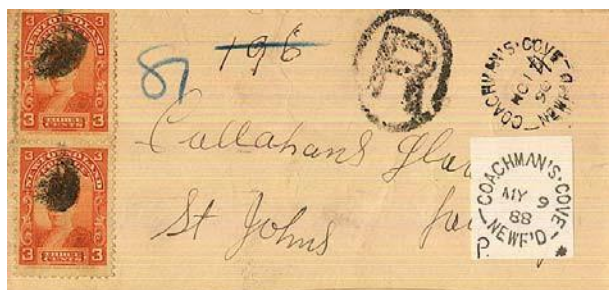
Open	1890	Closed	1906	Population	539
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Head of Clode Sound	Map	16 A 21 (Port Blandford)
Distributing Office		Same			

This office was renamed Port Blandford sometime between 1906 and 1908. Open as a way office from 1890 with Weston Spracklin as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Weston as first Postmaster. PM in 1899 was Francis Stares. No Proofs or strikes seen.

COACHMAN'S COVE

Open	1883	Closed	July 31 1992	Population	294
Bay	Ocean	Location	Baie Verte Peninsula	Map	4 R 14
Distributing Office		Same			

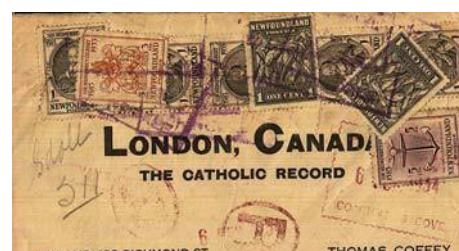
First Postmaster was William Breen. PM in 1931 was Nellie Norris who, was also telegraph operator. PM and TO on November 11 1937 was Thos. Lundrigan. Mails in Summer were fortnightly from St. John's by S.S. Prospero. In Winter from Deer Lake Station by courier via Hampden and Western Arm. Two split rings for this location seen.



split ring No. 1
year date must be reversed



split ring No. 2



Dotted line box

COAKERVILLE

Open	1912	Closed	1915	Population	4
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was C. Bryant. Nothing is known about this office. Fortunately a proof exists.



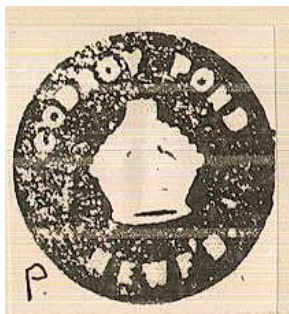
CODROY POND

Open	1912	Closed	August 31 1964	Population	54
Bay	Inland	Location	South Western Newfoundland	Map 11 C 4	
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Michael Cormier. PM in 1931 not listed. It looks like this office closed in 1917 and reopened in 1945. This is supported by no strikes having been seen between those dates plus a proof for 1945. Mails would have been daily when open as this location was on the rail line.



First opening Second opening



CODROY

Open	July 1875	Closed	Still Open	Population	135
Bay	Cabot Strait	Location	South West tip Newfoundland	Map 11 D 2	
Distributing Office		Doyles Station			

Open as a way office in 1875 with James Hutchings as waykeeper. John Gillis as waykeeper in 1885. Became a post office in 1891 with John as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Mrs. J. Samms who, was also telegraph operator. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Doyles Station via courier.



CODROY, Nfld



split ring No. 1



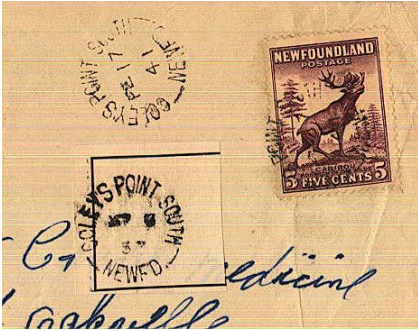
split ring No. 2



COLEY'S POINT SOUTH

Open	1920	Closed	Still Open	Population	Not known
Bay	Conception	Location	Bay Roberts area		
Distributing Office		Bay Roberts			

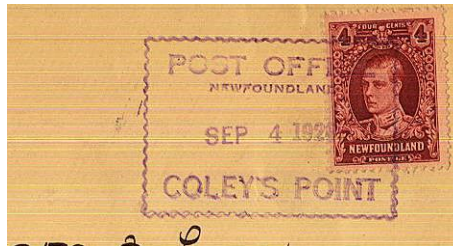
First Postmaster was W.H. Littlejohn. PM in 1931 was Joseph Bradbury. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway via Bay Roberts. One split ring seen which was still in use in 1953.



COLEY'S POINT

Open	1889	Closed	1938	Population	825
Bay	Conception	Location	Bay Roberts area	Map 21 F 25	
Distributing Office		Bay Roberts			

Open as a way office with Mary A. French as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Selina French as first Postmaster and Isaac Dawe in 1898. PM in 1931 was George Bishop who, was also telegraph operator. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway via Bay Roberts. One split ring seen.



COLINET

Open	1903	Closed	July 31 1991	Population	120
Bay	St. Marys	Location	Head of St. Mary's Bay	Map 20 H 24	
Distributing Office		Whitbourne			

First Postmaster was Mrs. John Didham. PM in 1931 was Ann Didham. Mails were by courier from Whitbourne station. After closing, Colinet has been served by two retail offices, the latter of which is still open. There were three split rings. The first has not been seen.



split ring No. 2

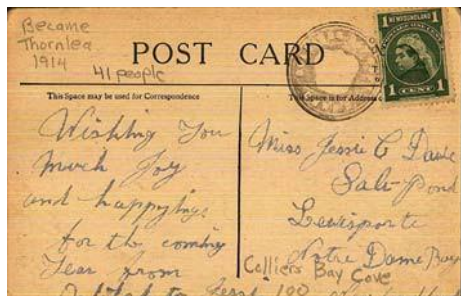


split ring No. 3

COLLIERS BAY COVE

Open	1885	Closed	1913	Population	41
Bay	Trinity	Location	"Neck" of the Avalon	Map 20 F 23	(Thornlea)
Distributing Office			Norman's Cove		

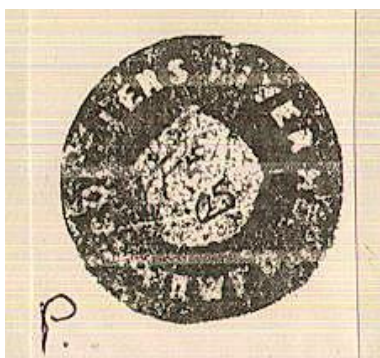
Name was changed to Thornlea in 1913. Open as a way office with Uriah Thorne as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Uriah as first Postmaster. No other details are listed for here or Thornlea. No proofs or strikes seen. Unfortunately there is no date on this card. going by the stamp we have a range of 1898-1901. Was there not a split ring device at this office when this card was mailed?



COLLIERS RIVERHEAD

Open	1905	Closed	Still Open	Population	Not known
Bay	Conception	Location	Head of Conception Bay	Map 21 F 25	
Distributing Office			Brigus Junction		

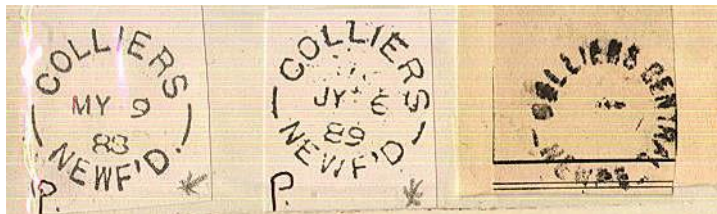
First Postmaster is not known. PM in 1931 was Mrs. William Cole. Mails were from Brigus Junction station by courier. One split ring seen.



COLLIERS (CENTRAL)

Open	April 1886	Closed	December 14 1950	Population	Not known
Bay	Conception	Location	Head of Conception Bay	Map 21 F 25	
Distributing Office			Brigus Junction		

This office was called Colliers Central after another office opened at Colliers Riverhead in 1905. Open as a way office with John Cole as waykeeper. Became a post office 1891 with John as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Denis B. Conway. Mails were from Brigus Junction station by courier. Three split rings seen, one with Central added.



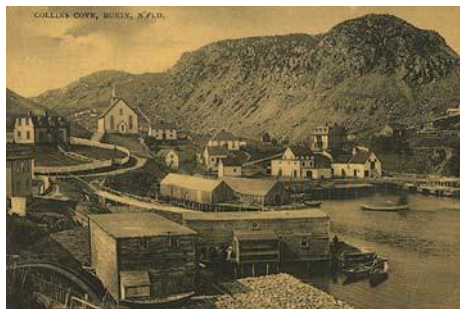
split ring No. 1 split ring No. 2 split ring No.3



COLLINS COVE

Open	1933	Closed	1936	Population	Not known
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Town	Map	19 J 18
Distributing Office		Burin			

Located at the end of the road in Burin town, it was very near other offices. This office officially closed on November 30 1936 with Miss M.E. Reid as Postmaster. One split ring seen.



courtesy Doug Hannan

COME BY CHANCE CROSSING

Open	1910	Closed	1931	Population	Nil
Bay	Placentia	Location	Railway Line "Neck" of Avalon	Map	16 D 22

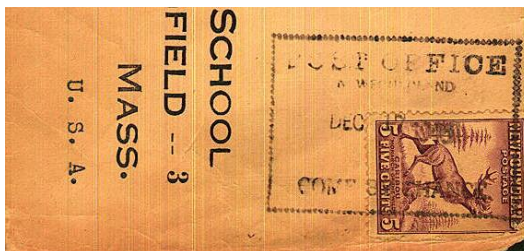
This office was the Come By Chance railway station. First and only Postmaster was A.R. Hutchings. Mails were Trs. 1 and 2 daily. All mail was likely outgoing only. No split ring seen.



COME BY CHANCE (VILLAGE)

Open	1906	Closed	Still Open	Population	72
Bay	Placentia	Location	"Neck" of Avalon Peninsula	Map	16 D 22
Distributing Office		Come By Chance Station			

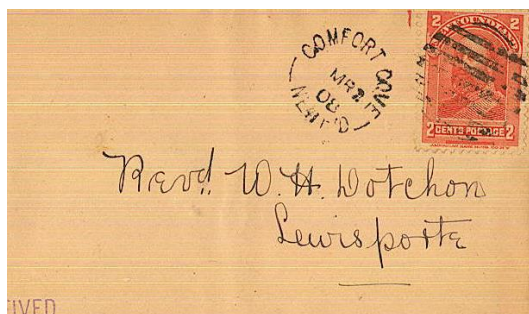
First Postmaster was Stephen Adams. PM in 1931 was not listed. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Come By Chance Station. One split ring proof seen but, obviously an earlier one was in use.



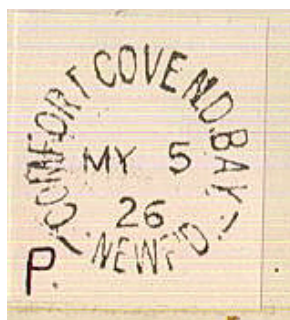
COMFORT COVE

Open	1901	Closed	1931	Population	186
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Bay of Exploits	Map	9 V 19
Distributing Office		Campbellton			

First Postmaster was Mrs. Reuben Cull. PM in 1931 was Joseph Eveleigh. Mails were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde via Campbellton. Two split rings seen. ND for Notre Dame.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2

CONCEPTION (HARBOUR)

Open	April 1884	Closed	Still Open	Population	812
Bay	Conception	Location	Head of Conception Bay	Map	21 F 25
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office with John Herman as waykeeper and Johanna O'Toole in 1886. Became a post office in 1891 with Johanna as first Postmaster. PM in 1893 was John Herman and 1898 was Patrick Buck. PM in 1931 was Shan St. John who, was also telegraph operator. Harbour was added to the name on the first split ring and was also used on a Post-Confederation CDS hammer. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2;
no Harbor

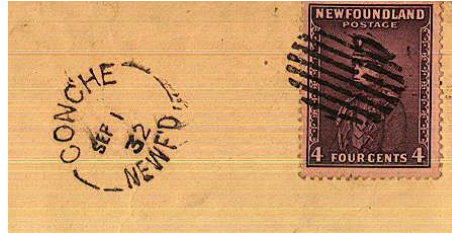
CONCHE

Open	1883	Closed	Still Open	Population	403
Bay	White	Location	East side Great Northern Pen.	Map 4	M 15
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office with Ellen E. Dower as waykeeper. Kate Dower in 1884. Became a post office in 18991 with Kate as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Ed Walker who, was also telegraph operator. Postmaster and TO in 1938 was W.B. Perrus. PM and TO on July 12 1948 was Miss Ellen McGrath. Mails in Summer were fortnightly from Lewisporte by S.S. Earl of Devon. In Winter from Deer Lake station by courier across the ice via Hampden and Western Arm. Two split rings seen.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



CONEY ARM

Open	1921	Closed	1931	Population	48
Bay	White	Location	Inner White Bay	Map 3	S 11
Distributing Office		Same			

First and only Postmaster was Mary Sackery. Mails in Summer were fortnightly from Lewisporte by S.S. Earl of Devon. In Winter from Deer Lake Station by courier across the ice via Hampden and Western Arm. One split ring seen. Note "CoOney" for spelling. WB means White Bay.



CONN(E)

Open	1913	Closed	1931	Population	116
Bay	Fortune	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

Nothing is known of this location except the Postmasters name and fortunately a proof. Although population figures are reported to be 116, the total population never exceeded 40 according to Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador. This location had nothing whatsoever to do with Conne River. First Postmaster was Fred Hatch who, also held the position in 1931. One split ring proof seen.



CONNAIGRE

Open	August 1886	Closed	1931	Population	102
Bay	Fortune	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

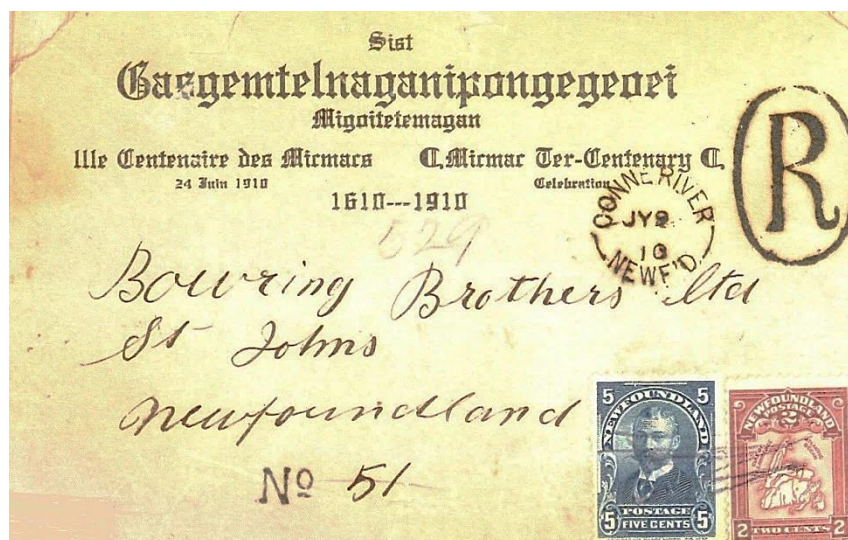
There is a Connaigre Peninsula and a Connaigre Bay but the exact location of this settlement remains a mystery. Open as a way office with Sarah Harris as waykeeper. Became apost office in 1891 with Sarah as first Postmaster and Mary Ann Harris in 1894. PM in 1931 was Andrew Harris. Mails would have been weekly by either S.S. Glencoe or S.S. Portia Via ???. One split ring seen.



CONNE RIVER

Open	1909	Closed	1937	Population	161
Bay	Bay d'Espoir	Location	Head of Bay d'Espoir	Map 14 D 15	
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Nicholas Jeddore who, was still in that position in 1931. Mails were weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe. One split ring from here.



COOK'S HARBOUR

Open	1918	Closed	Still Open	Population	231
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Northern tip of Newfoundland	Map 2	H 15
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Hilda March. PM in 1931 was Bessie Campbell who, was also telegraph operator. PM in 1938 was Miss Mabel Genge. PM in 1942 was Hubert Field. Mails were fortnightly from St. John's by S.S. Prospero. One split ring seen. A dotted line Box has been recorded.



circa 1949

Lives & Landscapes Elmer Harp



courtesy Jim Leutje



COOMB'S COVE

Open	1885	Closed	Still Open	Population	229
Bay	Fortune	Location	Connaigre Peninsula	Map 18	G 16
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office with Clara Mary Vallis as waykeeper followed by Margaret Fiander in 1890. Became a post office in 1891 with Margaret as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Alfred Bartlett. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia. One split ring seen.



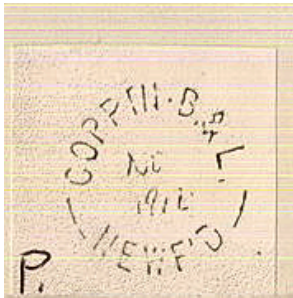
One Hundred Outposts
Ben Hansen



COPPETT

Open	1911	Closed	1931	Population	67
Bay	Ocean	Location	South Coast	Map	13 F 10
Distributing Office		Ramea			

First Postmaster was Sarah Young. PM in 1931 was Elizabeth Bowles. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia via Ramea. Only a proof has been seen and it is misspelled. It is not known if this mistake was corrected. B&L means Burgeo and La Poile which was the district.



CORBIN (BURIN)

Open	1909	Closed	May 13 1970	Population	95
Bay	Ocean	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map	19 J 18
Distributing Office		Burin			

First Postmaster is not known. PM in 1931 was John Grant. There must have been a closed period as this office is listed as (re)opening November 15 1946. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia via Burin. Two split ring proofs have been seen. This office was renamed Corbin PB on June 1 1967. As this is the first of the TWO Corbins, no bay designation is shown in the first split ring but shows up in the second.



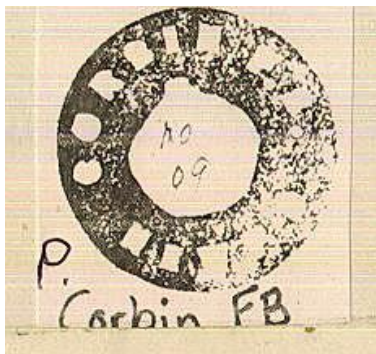
split ring No. 1 split ring No. 2



CORBIN (FORTUNE BAY)

Open	1910	Closed	1931	Population	95
Bay	Fortune	Location	Connaigre Peninsula	Map	19 F 17
Distributing Office					
St. Jaques					

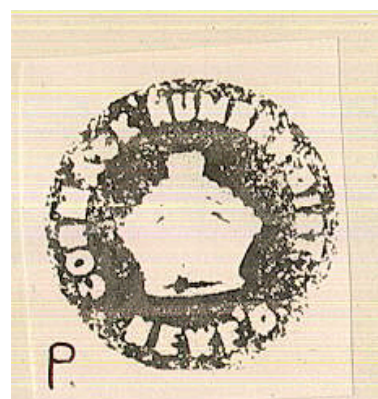
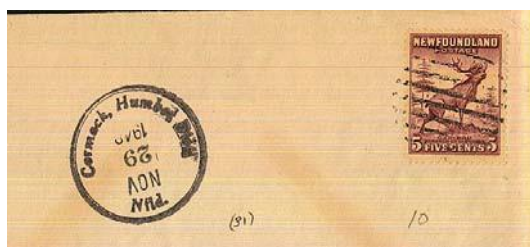
First Postmaster was Mrs. M. Poole. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Martin Savoury. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia. One split ring seen. FB for Fortune Bay.



CORMACK

Open	1948	Closed	May 4 1970	Population	Not known
Bay	Inland	Location	Humber Valley	Map	7 V 9
Distributing Office					
Deer Lake					

This location was set aside for Newfoundland veterans of WW II who wanted to get away from fishing and try farming. It is one of very few areas on the "ROCK" that has enough topsoil to farm. This office was officially open on June 16 1948 with Mrs. Margaret Duffney as PM. Became a MOO on November 1 1948. Cormack used a NEWF'D CDS as it's main hammer. Dist for district.



CORNER BROOK

Open	1888	Closed	Still Open	Population	6374
Bay	Bay of Islands	Location	Mouth of Humber River	Map	6 X 7
Distributing Office		Same			

The city of Corner Brook is the amalgamation of the former settlements of Curling, Corner Brook and Humbermouth. Open as a way office in 1888 with Cristopher Fisher as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1897 with John A. Farrell as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was James A. Boland and assistants E. Powell, W. Hackett and Clement Hann. Mails were daily by Trs. 1 and 2. The first marking device was a duplex. Two split rings seen. The double circle CDS may have been three separate instruments as a proof strike has been seen of "C". They also vary somewhat in thickness between rims, lengths of arc as well as the A, B and C. Also a strike with no letter is included. Where they three different devices or just one or two with removable slugs?



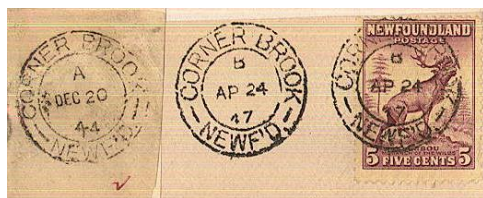
1900 duplex



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



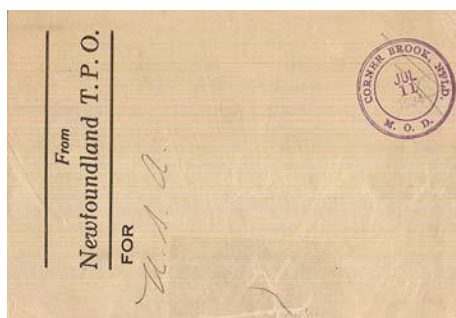
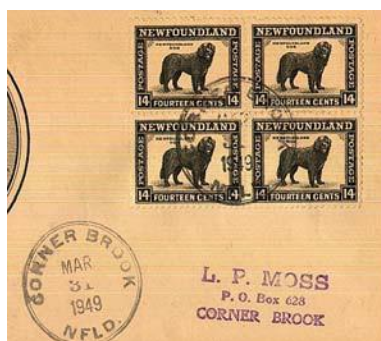
the 'A' and 'B' double circle CDS



the 'C' and nude double circle CDS



Wavy line box;
circa 1923 - 1933



First series of Registered gummed labels. No blue border; Serif typeface.

Bowaters was officially listed as a Sub-office of Corner Brook. It opened on December 16 1946. Postmaster was Bowaters NFLD Pulp and Paper.

A split ring or CDS has not been recorded.



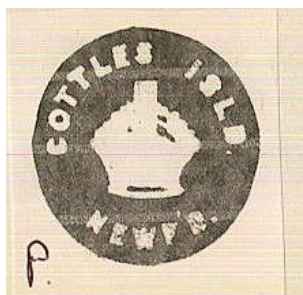
railway ticket cancel
courtesy John Oldford



COTTLES ISLAND

Open	July 1882	Closed	1981	Population	121
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	New World Island	Map 9 U 19	
Distributing Office		Summerford			

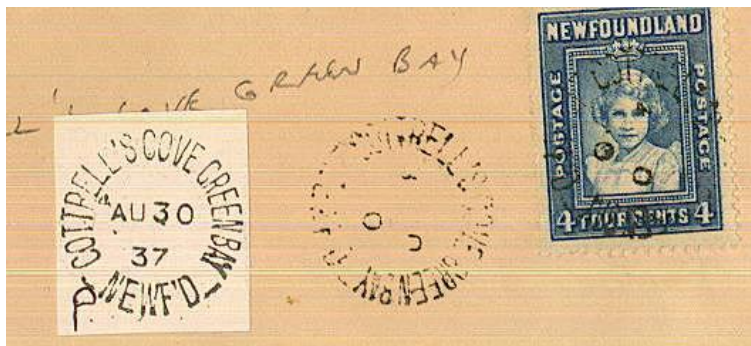
This office was renamed Cottlesville in 1981 and continues to this day under that name. Open as a way office with John Tavner as first waykeeper followed by Daniel Turner in 1883. Became a post office in 1891 with Daniel as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Andrew Anstey. Mails in Summer were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde via Summerford. In Winter from Lewisporte by the Twillingate courier via Summerford. This location had three split rings.



COTTRELL'S COVE

Open	1900	Closed	April 01 1989	Population	122
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	New Bay	Map 9 U 17	
Distributing Office		Same			

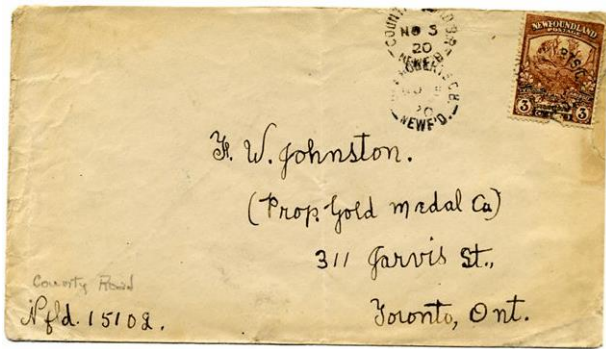
This office reopened as a retail office from April 3 1989 to August 31 1998. First Postmaster was Albert Yates who, still held the position in 1931. Mails in Summer were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde. In winter from Lewisporte by courier over the ice via Exploits. One split ring seen but there had to be an earlier one.



COUNTRY ROAD

Open	1910	Closed	1934	Population	315
Bay	Conception	Location	Near Bay Roberts	Map	Not shown
Distributing Office		Bay Roberts			

This office reopened from October 19 1950 to July 21 1986. First Postmaster was Mrs. E. Samways. PM in 1931 was Myrtis Snow. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway via Bay Roberts.



courtesy Doug Hannan

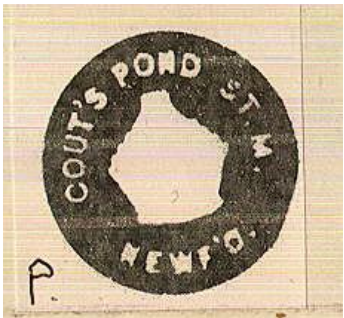
COUT'S POND

Open	1931	Closed	1931	Population	75
Bay	St. Mary's	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First and only Postmaster was Maurice Cochrane. Mails are not known.
There is a COOTE POND St. Mary's Harbour near the town of St. Mary's so I am assuming that this was the location. Fortunately two proofs exist.



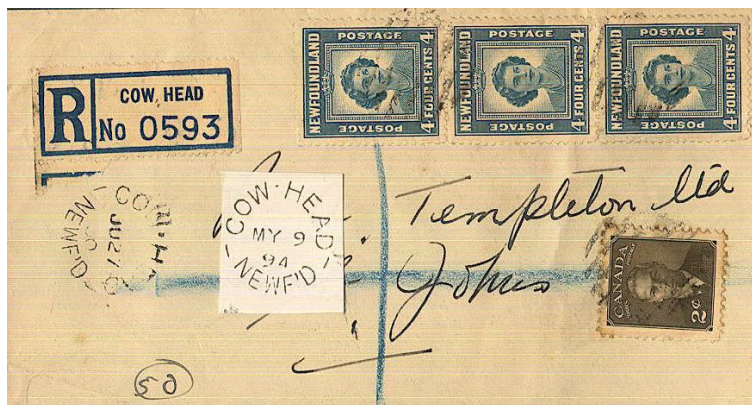
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COW HEAD

Open	1888	Closed	Still Open	Population	141
Bay	St. Lawrence Gulf	Location	Great Northern Peninsula	Map 5 INSET	S 8
Distributing Office		Same			

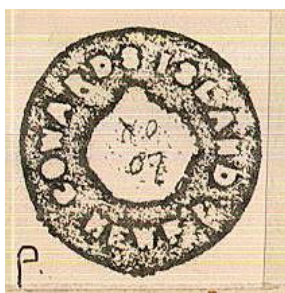
Open as a way office with Joseph Cooper as waykeeper followed by John Payne Jr. in 1890. Became a post office in 1891 with John as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Mrs. J.S. Payne who, was also telegraph operator. It appears that the one split ring was in continuous use up until Confederation. Just North of town is a two kilometer part of the old Great Northern Mail Road. I have walked this road through the Fir and Black Spruce. It gives one an eerie feeling to wonder what hardships these couriers went through in a Winter blizzard after 75 kilometers from Deer Lake and another 180 kilometers to Flowers Cove.



COWARDS ISLAND

Open	1904	Closed	October 07 1957	Population	141
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

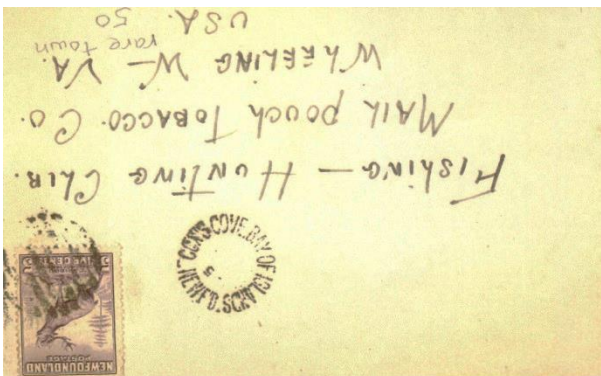
First Postmaster was Job Lane. PM in 1931 was Helah Morgan. Mails are not known but would have been weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff. This location was abandoned during the Resettlement programme. One split ring seen.



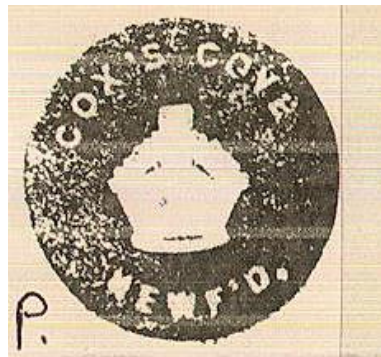
COX'S COVE

Open	1915	Closed	Still Open	Population	201
Bay	Bay of Islands	Location	Middle Arm	Map	6 W 7
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Mrs. George Cox who, still held the position in 1931. Must have had a closed period, probably 1931. Officially reopened February 1 1937 with Maxwell Cornick as PM. George Bragg was PM and TO on October 07 1937. Mrs. Olive Sheppard became PM on April 19 1939. Mails were twice a week from Humbermouth by S.S. George L. One split ring seen. It reads COX'S COVE BAY OF ISLANDS. Obviously there was an earlier split ring.



courtesy Murray Smith



CRABB(E)S

Open	1906	Closed	1932	Population	312
Bay	St. Georges	Location	Southwest coast	Map	11 B 4 (St. Davids)
Distributing Office		Crabb(e)s Station			

This office was renamed St. Davids in 1932. All of the various Crabb(e)s were named for a major river which flows through the area. First Postmaster was Isabella Pike. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Mildred Renouf. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Crabb(e)s Station. A Postal Telegraph Oval has been recorded for this office.



split ring No. 1



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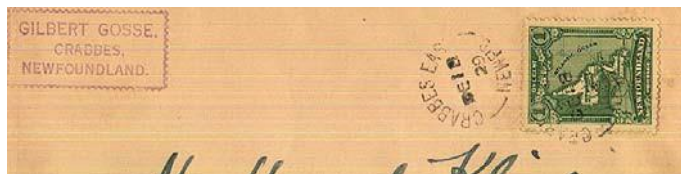


railway ticket device used for postal purposes
courtesy John Oldford

CRABBES STATION / CRABBES EAST

Open	1911	Closed	1932	Population	52
Bay	Inland	Location	On rail line	Map 11 C 4	(St. Fintans)
Distributing Office		Same			

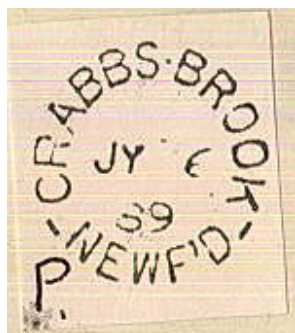
Crabbes Station became Crabbes East sometime between 1911 and 1929. To confuse matters even more, Crabbes East became St. Fintans in 1932. Postmaster on opening was James Pike who was also PM in 1932 as well as being telegraph operator. A split ring for each name is available.



CRABBS BROOK

Open	1883	Closed	1906	Population	188
Bay	St. Georges	Location	Not known	Map 11 C 4	(area)
Distributing Office		Crabb(e)s Station			

This office was renamed Crabb(e)s in 1906. Open as a way office with Moses Huelen as the first waykeeper and Mrs. J. Pike in 1889. Became a post office in 1891 with Mrs. Pike as first Postmaster and Isabella Pike in 1893 and up to name change in 1906. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Crabb(e)s Station.



CRAWLEY'S ISLAND

Open	1909	Closed	1931	Population	39
Bay	Placentia	Location	Long Harbour	Map 20 G 23	
Distributing Office		Long Harbour			

First Postmaster was Mrs. Peter Keating. PM in 1931 was Peter Keating. Mails were from Long Harbour Station via Long Harbour. No proofs or strikes seen.

CREEK

Open	1899	Closed	1931	Population	Not known
Bay	Not known	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was Mrs. D. Gillis. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Daniel Campbell. Nothing else is known. No strikes or proofs. The only clue are the PM's surnames. Definitely Cape Breton immigrant country. St. Georges District from Heatherton to Highlands and over to Loch Leven on Map 11.

CRESTON

Open	1930	Closed	July 31 1991	Population	406
Bay	Placentia	Location	Marystown	Map	19 H 18
Distributing Office			Marystown		

First Postmaster was Benjamin Hollett. Miss Marion Hollett became PM on April 30 1939. Mails were weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe via Marystown. One split ring seen and is likely the only one. This office previously called BUTLERS COVE and existed as an office under that name from 1911 until 1929.



CROSS ROADS STEPHENVILLE CROSSING

This location was the forerunner of White's Road which became Noel's Pond after Confederation.



CUCKOLDS COVE

Open	1919	Closed	1920	Population	135
Bay	Trinity	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office			Not known		

Cuckold's Cove was the "back harbour" of Trinity. Nothing else is known of this short-lived office. A split ring strike is reported.

CUL DE SAC WEST

Open	1897	Closed	1937	Population	96
Bay	Ocean	Location	South West coast	Map	13 F 11
Distributing Office			Cape La Hune		

First Postmaster was Arthur Spencer. PM in 1931 was George are Spencer. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia via Cape La Hune. One split ring seen. No West designation because it was the original of the two Cul De Sacs.



courtesy Murray Smith

CUL DE SAC EAST

Open	1926	Closed	1931	Population	47
Bay	Hermitage	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was Mrs. A.J. Oxford. PM in 1931 was Mrs. George Cake.
No proofs or strikes are recorded for this office.

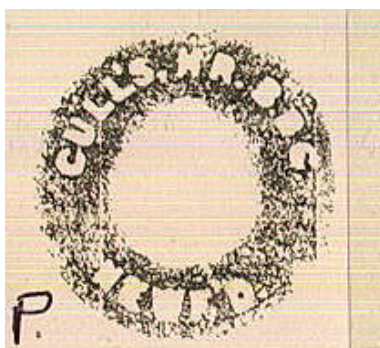
CULL'S HARBOUR

Open	1924	Closed	1931	Population	22
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Alexander Bay	Map 16 Z 22	
Distributing Office		Alexander Bay Station			

First Postmaster was Alice White. PM in 1931 was Mary E. Whelan. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Alexander Bay Station via Glovertown. One split ring seen. BBC means Bonavista Bay Centre.



courtesy John Oldford



CUPIDS

Open	1888	Closed	Still Open	Population	562
Bay	Conception	Location	Head of Conception Bay	Map 21 F 25	
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office with Jane LeDrew as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1895 with John Bishop as first Postmaster followed by Moses LeDrew in 1896 and John LeDrew in 1898. PM in 1931 was Carrie W. Dawe. PM in 1942 was Miss Beulah Dawe. Mails were daily by Conception Bay Railway. Two split rings seen.



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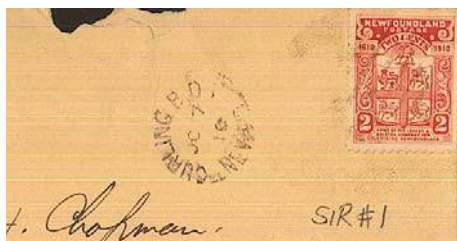
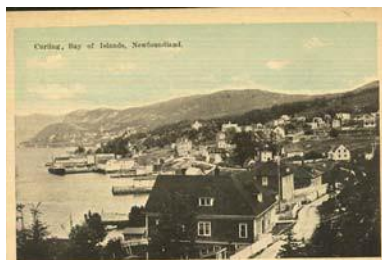


split ring No. 2

CURLING

Open	1908	Closed	May 01 1958	Population	981
Bay	Bay of Islands	Location	Part of Corner Brook	Map 6	X 7 (not shown)
Distributing Office		Same			

An early alternate name was Birchy Cove. That name was not used postally because.... You guessed it, another post office in Newfoundland had the same name. This office changed its name to Curling-Corner Brook in 1958 and closed in 1972. First Postmaster was Mrs. E. Boland. PM in 1931 was Eleanor Boland. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2. Three split rings seen.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



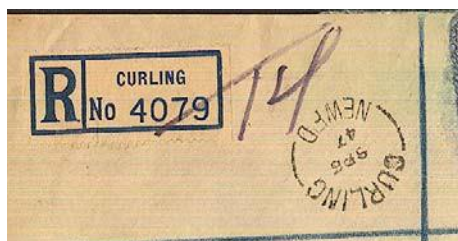
split ring No. 3



railway ticket device
used for postal purposes
courtesy John Oldford



First series Registration
gummed label
courtesy Jim Leutje



CURRENT ISLAND

Open	1891	Closed	1937	Population	70
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Great Northern Peninsula	Map 1	K 11
Distributing Office		Flowers Cove			

First Postmaster was James Williams. PM in 1931 was Frederick Williams. Mails in Summer were weekly from Humbermouth by S.S. Sagona via Flowers Cove. In Winter from Deer Lake station by courier up the Great Northern Mail Road. One split ring exists. There MAY be another. Flowers Cove Transit mark.

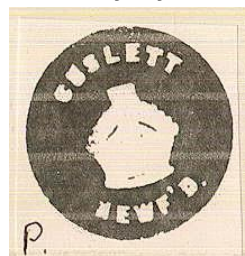


courtesy Doug Hannan

CUSLETT

Open	1894	Closed	February 26 1969	Population	108
Bay	Placentia	Location	"Cape Shore" Avalon Pen.	Map 20	J 22
Distributing Office		Placentia			

First Postmaster was Joseph McGrath. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Peter McGrath. This office must have had a closed period, probably one of very many offices closed in 1931. Listed as (re)opening May 27 1947 with Mrs. Peter McGrath as PM once more. Mails were weekly from Placentia Bay Railway by courier via placentia. Three split ring proofs seen.



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CUTWELL (HARBOUR)

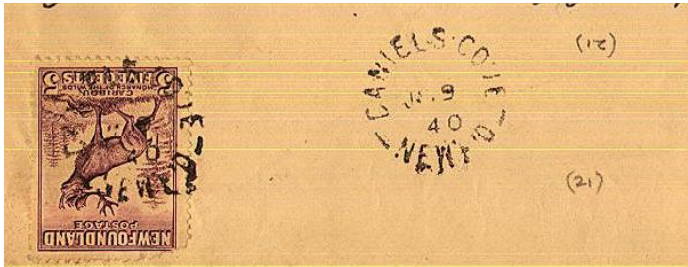
Open	1920	Closed	1920	Population	456
Bay	Green	Location	Long Island	Map 8	U 15
Distributing Office		Same			

This office was renamed Beaumont by the Nomenclature Board the same year it opened. It is possible that a CUTWELL marking does not exist. First and only Postmaster was Winnifred J. Roberts (see Beaumont). Mails were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde. No proofs or strikes seen.

DANIEL'S COVE

Open	1897	Closed	August 24 1959	Population	73
Bay	Trinity	Location	Tip of Conception Bay North	Map	17 C 26
Distributing Office		Brownsdale			

First Postmaster was John Howard. PM in 1931 was Margaret Howard. PM in 1942 was Cyril Howard. PM on November 18 1948 was Miss Frances Kelly. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu via Brownsdale. One split ring seen.



DANIEL'S HARBOUR

Open	1901	Closed	Still Open	Population	210
Bay	St. Lawrence Gulf	Location	Great Northern Peninsula	Map	3 Q 9
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Nathaniel Brophy. PM in 1931 was Ada House who, was also telegraph operator. PM and TO on December 1 1948 was Miss Olive House. Mails in Summer were From Humbermouth by S.S. Sagona. In Winter from Deer Lake station by courier up the Great Northern Mail Road. Two split rings seen.



split ring No. 1 split ring No. 2



DANIEL'S POINT

Open	1898	Closed	1931	Population	117
Bay	Trepassey	Location	"Irish Loop" South Avalon	Map	21 K 25
Distributing Office		Trepassey			

First Postmaster was Alice Finlay. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Thomas Finlay. Mails were by Southern Shore Railway and/or courier from Trepassey Station. One split ring seen.



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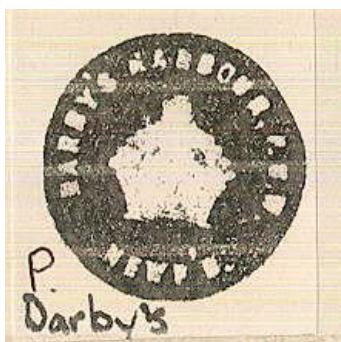
partial strike of the 1900 style Duplex that was unique to Newfoundland. Daniels Point is an UNRECORDED location. courtesy Murray Smith



DARBY'S HARBOUR

Open	1929	Closed	1940	Population	21
Bay	Placentia	Location	Paradise Sound	Map	19 F 20
Distributing Office		St. Joseph's			

No Postmasters are listed for here. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia via St. Josephs. One split ring proof is available. PBW means Placentia Bay West.



DARK COVE

Open	1919	Closed	1931	Population	329
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Head of Bonavista Bay	Map	10 Y 21 (Gambo)
Distributing Office		Gambo			

Dark Cove is part of Gambo. First Postmaster was Miss Saunders. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Jas. Saunders. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Gambo station. One split ring was proofed. Proof is in error, should read BB for Bonavista Bay in lieu of TB for Trinity Bay.



DARK TICKLE

Open	1903	Closed	1911	Population	80
Bay	Green	Location	Triton Island	Map	8 U 16
Distributing Office			Pilley's Island		

This office was renamed Brighton by the Nomenclature Board in 1911. First and only Postmaster was Joseph Fudge. Mails in Summer were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde via Pilley's Island. In Winter from Lewisporte by courier via Point Leamington and Triton. No split ring strikes or proofs seen, only a bag seal. NDB for Notre Dame Bay.



DAVIS COVE

Open	1929	Closed	1971	Population	104
Bay	Placentia	Location	West Channel Placentia Bay	Map	20 F 21
Distribution Office			Sound Island		

First Postmaster was Mrs. Annie Caul. Mails were weekly from Arnold's Cove by motorboat via Sound Island. One split ring in use here. PBW was Placentia Bay West.



DAWSON'S COVE

Open	1911	Closed	1931	Population	145
Bay	Hermitage	Location	Connaigre Bay	Map	18 F 15
Distributing Office			Hermitage		

First Postmaster was Essau Wills. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Charles Crewe. Mails were weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe via Hermitage. Two split ring proofs exist. HB means Hermitage Bay.



split ring No. 1 split ring No. 2



(BAY) D'ESPOIR

Open	1900	Closed	1923	Population	265
Bay	Fortune	Location	Not Known	No Map	
Distributing Office		Not known			

Little is known of this location; an alternate name was Ship Cove (along with 5 others of the same name).

DE GRAU

Open	1918	Closed	1931	Population	102
Bay	St. George's	Location	Port au Port Peninsula	Map 5 A 2	
Distributing Office		Port au Port			

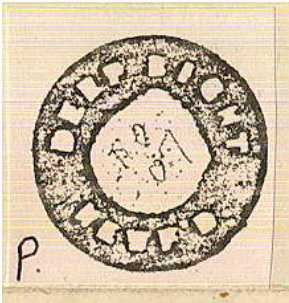
First Postmaster was Ralph La Costa. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Jos. M. Benoit.
Mails were from Stephenville Crossing station daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Port au Port. One split ring exists.



DEEP BIGHT

Open	1907	Closed	April 20 1970	Population	79
Bay	Trinity	Location	Northwest Arm Random	Map 16 C 22	
Distributing Office		Hillview			

First Postmaster was Mrs. Charles Hansford who, still held the position in 1931.
Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu via Hillview. One split ring is shown.



DEER HARBOUR

Open	1895	Closed	October 13 1967	Population	153
Bay	Trinity	Location	Random Island	Map	16 C 24
Distributing Office		Not known			

Deer Harbour was abandoned in 1967 as a result of the Resettlement Programme. First Post master was Jemima King who, still held the position in 1931. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu . One split ring seen. Double circle is Clarenville.



DEER ISLAND

Open	1900	Closed	Aug. 31 1955	Population	109
Bay	Bonavista	Location	North Trinity Bay	Map	10 X 23 (listed as Island)
Distribution Office		Same			

Another of the abandoned settlements of the Resettlement Programme. First Postmaster was Arthur King. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Daniel Feltham. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff. Two split ring proofs are shown. There is very little difference between the two other than the apostrophe in NEWF'D. Obviously there was an earlier split ring. BB for Bonavista Bay.



split ring No. 2 split ring No. 3



courtesy Doug Hannan

DEER LAKE

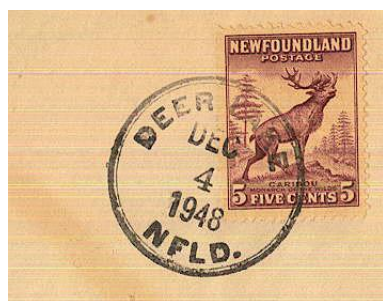
Open	1898	Closed	Still Open	Population	1758
Bay	Inland	Location	Humber District	Map	7 W 9
Distributing Office		Same			

Deer Lake was the distribution point for all mail matter going North during the Winter. First Postmaster was Mrs. J. Penny. PM in 1931 was W. J. Dewey who, was also telegraph operator. C.B. Pritchett was appointed PM and TO on February 1 1948. Assistants were Hazel Pennell and E.M. Wilcox. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2. One split ring seen but there had to be an earlier one.

There was also a Postal Telegraph Oval and an Oval HM Customs in use here.



split ring No. 2



railway ticket cancel
courtesy John Oldford



Forward Winter mail
for Northern Peninsula



DELBY'S COVE

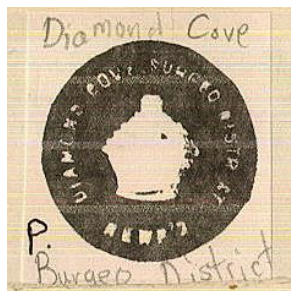
Open	1911	Closed	1931	Population	30
Bay	Trinity	Location	Smith Sound	Map	16 B 24
Distributing Office		British Harbour			

First Postmaster was John McGrath Sr. PM in 1931 was Richard John Wiseman. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Susu via British Harbour. No proofs or strikes seen.

DIAMOND COVE

Open	1928	Closed	1931	Population	146
Bay	Ocean	Location	"Front" cove of Rose Blanche	Map 11 F 4	
Distribution Office			Rose Blanche		

First and only Postmaster was Mrs. W. G. Brown. Mails were weekly from Port Aux Basques by S.S. Basques via Rose Blanche. One split ring proof exists.



DILDO SOUTH

Open	1910	Closed	1937	Population	99
Bay	Trinity	Location	Head of Trinity Bay	Map 20 F 24	(South Dildo)
Distributing Office			Whitbourne		

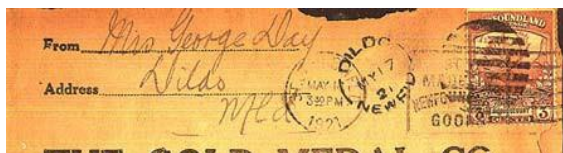
This office reopened after Confederation from May 23 1958 until October 31 1990. Two retail offices opened after, the latter of which is still open. First Postmaster was Mrs. Solomon Reid. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Martin Reid. Mails were from Whitbourne daily Trs. 1 and 2 via courier. The cancelling device reads South Dildo TB for Trinity Bay.



DILDO

Open	August 1883	Closed	Still Open	Population	491
Bay	Trinity	Location	Head of Trinity Bay	Map 20 F 24	
Distributing Office			Whitbourne		

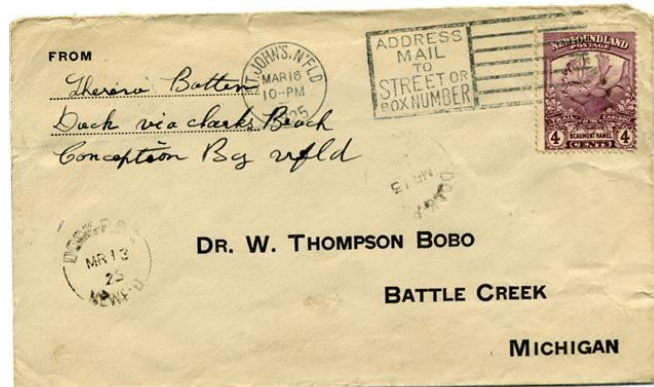
Open as a way office with Albert Smith as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Emma Moore as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was E. George. Mails were from Whitbourne daily Trs. 1 and 2 via courier. One split ring seen. This same device was still in use in 1953. An eight bar obliterator is also included.



DOCK

Open	1917	Closed	1931	Population	125
Bay	Conception	Location	Near Clarkes Beach	Map	21 F 25
Distributing Office			Clarkes Beach		

This office was in Port de Grave District, putting it at the head of Conception Bay but, a precise location cannot be determined. First Postmaster was Mrs. James Batten. PM in 1931 was A. J. French. Mails likely would have been by Conception Bay Railway. One split ring seen.



courtesy Doug Hannan

DOG BAY

Open	1902	Closed	1911	Population	128
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office			Not known		

First Postmaster was John C. Cator. Nothing else is known of this office.
No strikes or proofs seen.

DOG COVE

Open	1919	Closed	1931	Population	48
Bay	Bay de Vieux	Location	South West Coast		
Distributing Office			Ramea		

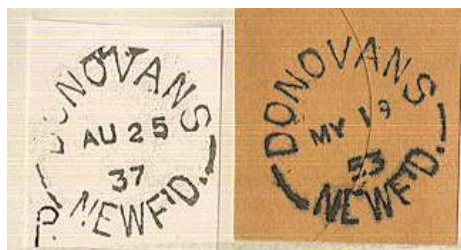
First Postmaster was Mrs. George Baggs who, still held the position in 1931. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia via Ramea. One split ring proof exists but there must have been earlier one as well. B&L means Burgeo and LaPoile.



DONOVANS

Open	1916	Closed	February 17 1975	Population	Not known
Bay	Inland	Location	Conception Bay South	Map 21 F 27	(Paradise)
Distributing Office		Same			

Renamed Paradise in 1975 and remains open to this day. First Postmaster was Ellen Turner. PM in 1931 was Mrs. William Power. PM on June 1 1948 was James Soper. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 at Donovans station. One split ring proof exists but obviously there was an earlier one.



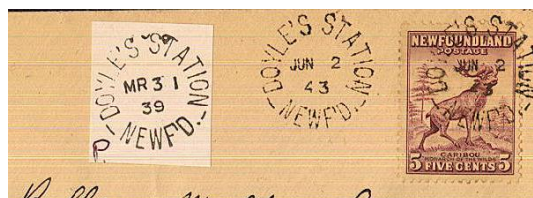
DOYLE'S STATION

Open	1903	Closed	1946	Population	Nil
Bay	Inland	Location	Codroy Valley	Map 11 D 2	(Doyles)
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was J.J. Doyle. PM in 1931 was C.J. Doyle. Raymond Doyle was appointed PM on January 16 1939. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2. A split ring proof exists for 1939.



Doyles OR Doyles Station
split ring No. 1 ?



split ring No. 2



DOYLES

Open	1939	Closed	Still Open	Population	70
Bay	Inland	Location	Codroy Valley	Map	11 D 2
Distributing Office		Same			

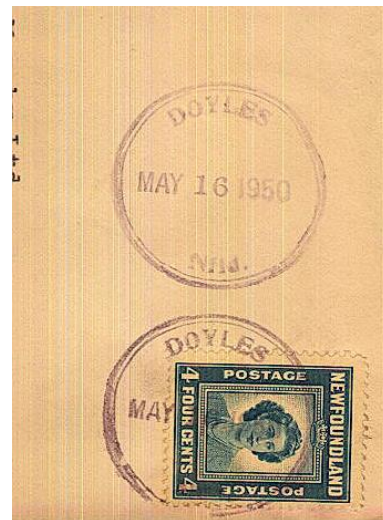
There is confusion between the operating dates of Doyles and Doyles Station. The opening date for Doyles states 1937. The first proof states 1939. I have a strike of DOYLES GT. CODROY for 1913. Is this to mean Doyles Station? Postmaster (for Doyles) in 1942 was Blanche Doyle. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Doyles Station. There should be a split ring circa 1939 BUT one for Doyles Station was proofed .



Doyles 1908



Doyles OR Doyles Station?



courtesy John Oldford

DROOK

Open	1908	Closed	1931	Population	36
Bay	Trepassey	Location	"Irish Loop" Southern Shore	Map	21 L 25 (Drook Cove, Point)
Distributing Office		Trepassey			

First Postmaster was Mrs. St. Croix. PM in 1931 was Winnie St. Croix (same ?) Mails were from St. John's by Southern Shore Railway and/or courier via Trepassey. St. M. for St. Marys.



DUFF'S

Open	1928	Closed	1931	Population	35
Bay	Conception	Location	Not known (Holyrood area)	Map 21	G 21 (approximate)
Distributing Office		Not known			

First and only Postmaster was Mrs. John Corbett. Mails are not known but Duffs was a small railway station near Holyrood. One split ring proof. HR. M means Harbour Main.



DUGGAN'S COVE

Open	1915	Closed	1928	Population	59
Bay	Not known	Location	South West Coast (Not known)		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was Mrs. G. Andrews. Mail distribution not known. No proofs or strikes seen.

DUNFIELD

Open	1920	Closed	August 11 1970	Population	222
Bay	Trinity	Location	Near Trinity	Map 17 A	25
Distributing Office		Trinity			

First Postmaster was Harriet Clarke. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Stephen Spurrell. PM on April 1 1948 was Miss Bertha Woolridge. Mails were by Bonavista Railway via Trinity. One split ring seen. Obviously there was an earlier device. TB for Trinity Bay.



DUNVILLE

Open	1896	Closed	Still Open	Population	261
Bay	Inland	Location	Near Placentia	Map 20 G	23
Distribution Office		Same			

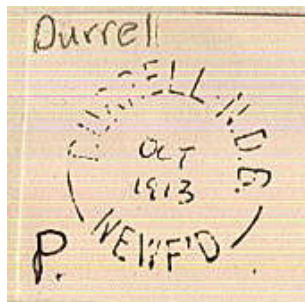
First Postmaster was Joachim Connors. PM in 1931 was Thomas Connors. Mails were by Placentia Bay Railway at Dunville station. Not certain if there was another split ring.



DURELL'S

Open	1913	Closed	May 30 1990	Population	469
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Twillingate Island	Map	9 T 19
Distributing Office		Twillingate			

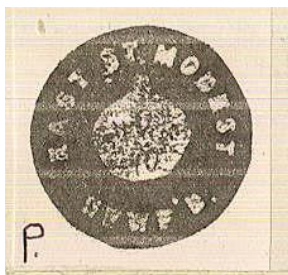
Reopened April 24 1990 as a Retail office and is still open. First Postmaster was John Minty who, still held the position in 1931. Mails in Summer were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde via Twillingate. One split ring proof is known NDB for Notre Dame Bay.



EAST ST. MODEST(E)

Open	1890	Closed	1944	Population	50
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	South Labrador coast	Map	1 H 11 (West St. Modeste)
Distributing Office		Same			

This office merged with West St. Modeste after the community was abandoned in 1944. Postmasters not known. Mail in Summer was weekly from Humbermouth by S.S. Sagona. In Winter by dog team from Quebec via Forteau. One split ring seen. A strike is illustrated in Kevin O'Reilly's "A Pre-Confederation Postal History Of Labrador" on pg. 11.



courtesy Doug Hannan

EASTPORT

Open	1919	Closed	Still Open	Population	345
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Newman Sound	Map	16 Z 23
Distributing Office		Same			

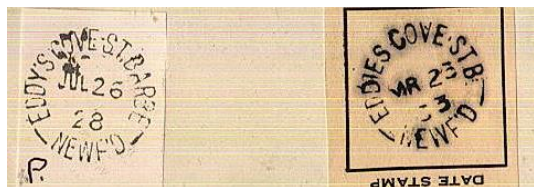
First Postmaster was Lewis Squires who, still held the position in 1931. Harold Squires was appointed PM on January 10 1939. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff. One split ring seen and was still in use in 1962. BB for Bonavista Bay.



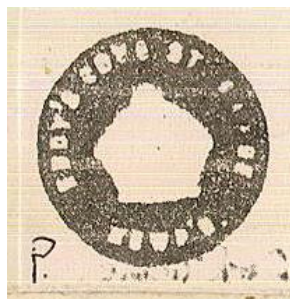
EDDIES/EDDY'S COVE

Open	1929	Closed	Still Open under EddIEs	Population	78
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Great Northern Peninsula	Map 2	J 13
Distributing Office		Flower's Cove			

First Postmaster was Mrs. James Gaulton who, also held the position in 1931. Benjamin C. Way was appointed PM on December 01 1936. PM on November 01 1937 was Miss Eliza Paul. Mails in Summer were weekly from Humbermouth by S.S. Sagona via Flower's Cove. In Winter fro Deer Lake station by courier up the Great Northern Mail Road via Flowers Cove. Two different split rings exist, one with the spelling change. St. B for St. Barbe (district.)



split ring No. 1 split ring No. 2



ELLIOTT'S COVE

Open	1886	Closed	May 20 1970	Population	57
Bay	Trinity	Location	Northwest Arm Random	Map 16	C 23
Distributing Office		Lady Cove			

Open as a way office in 1886 with Aaron Smith as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Aaron as first Postmaster. PM in 1899 was Thomas Smith and in 1931 was Mrs. Louise Smith. Mails were weekly from Clarenville by S.S. Malakoff via Lady Cove. Three split rings seen.



split ring No. 1 split ring No. 3



split ring No. 2

ELLISTON

Open	1904	Closed	Still Open	Population	863
Bay	Trinity	Location	Tip of Bonavista Peninsula	Map 17	Z 26
Distributing Office		Bonavista			

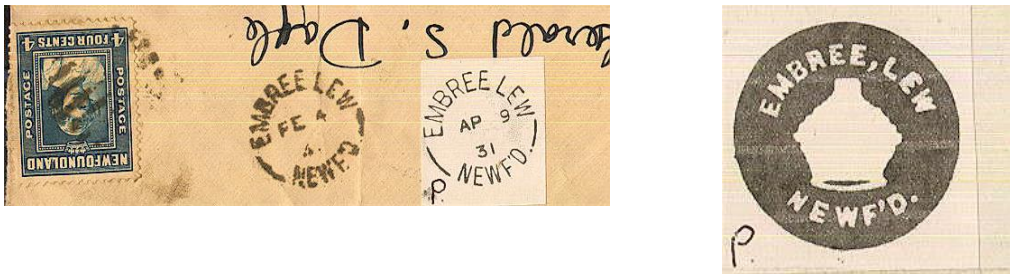
First Postmaster was Alfred Crewe who, was also in the position in 1931. Mails were by Bonavista Railway via Bonavista. One split ring seen. The same instrument was in use in 1969.



EMBREE

Open	1933	Closed	Still Open	Population	43
Bay	Bay of Exploits	Location	Near Lewisporte	Map	9 V 18
Distributing Office		Lewisporte			

Previously called Salt Pond. No Postmasters are known from this location. Mails were by railway to Lewisporte via courier. One split ring was in use up to 1955. LEW for Lewisporte.



ENGLEE

Open	1891	Closed	Still Open	Population	522
Bay	White	Location	Canada Bay	Map	4 M 14
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Charles Hopkins. PM in 1931 was Olive Gillard. PM, as of December1 1938 was W.E. Noseworthy. PM in 1942 was R.J. Fox. Mails in Summer were fortnightly From Lewisporte by S.S. Earl of Devon. In Winter from Deer Lake station over the ice via Hampden and Western Arm. Two split rings seen. They look very similar but pay attention to the spacing between “F” and “D” in NEWF'D and the letter”G.” This location also had a NEWF'D CDS.



ENGLISH HARBOUR EAST

Open	1932	Closed	Still Open	Population	189
Bay	Fortune	Location	Head of Fortune Bay	Map	19 F 19
Distributing Office		Same			

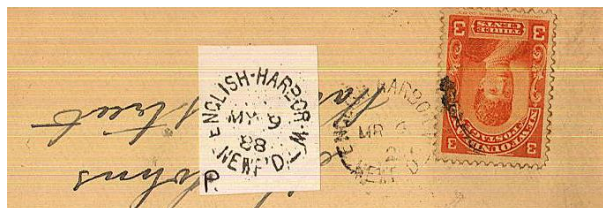
Postmasters are not known (after 1931.) Mails were weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe. One split ring seen which was in use until at least 1953.



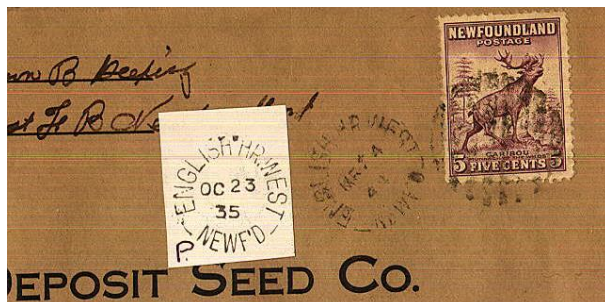
ENGLISH HARBOUR WEST

Open	April 1866	Closed	Still Open	Population	334
Bay	Fortune	Location	Connaigre Peninsula	Map	19 G 17
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office in 1866 with Albert Stirling as first waykeeper followed by Mrs. Seline Stirling in 1874 and William Evans in 1882. Became a post office in 1891 with William as first Postmaster. PM in 1893 was Emma J. Evans. Pm in 1931 was Mrs. R. Day who, was also telegraph operator. Two split rings seen, both with proof dates.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2

ENGLISH HARBOUR

Open	July 1883	Closed	July 31 1969	Population	277
Bay	Trinity	Location	Trinity Bight	Map	17 A 25
Distributing Office		Port Rexton			

Open as a way office with Henry G. Batston as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Henry as first Postmaster. PM in 1898 was Martin Bugden. Pm in 1931 was Mrs. John Batston. Mails were by Bonavista Railway via Port Rexton. Three split rings seen. Why the third one was proofed one month later than the second remains a mystery as the second is in use in 1944.



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split ring No. 1 split ring No. 3

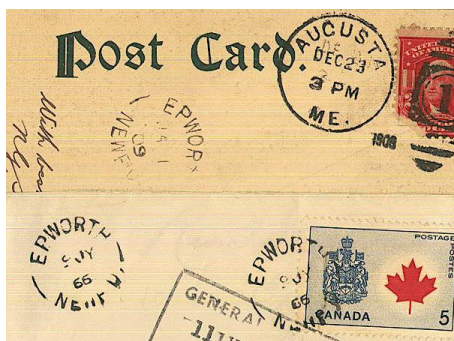
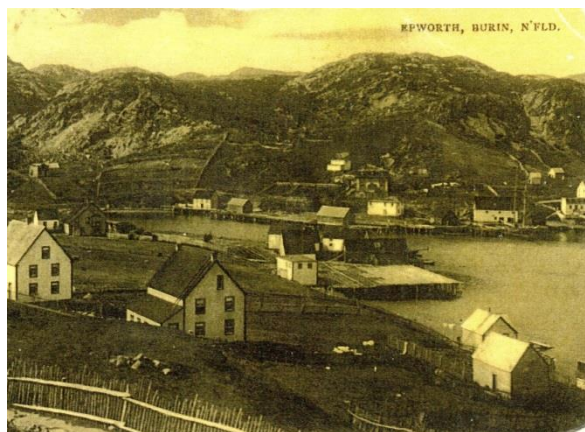


split ring No. 2

EPWORTH

Open	1901	Closed	Still Open	Population	189
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map	19 J 18
Distributing Office		Burin			

First Postmaster not known. PM in 1931 was Susie Baker. Mails were weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe via Burin. Previously was Spoon Cove Burin from 1890 to 1901. One split ring seen. As the same device was used in 1909 and 1966, it is safe to assume that only one existed.



EXPLOITS HARBOUR

Open	April 1871	Closed	1912	Population	520
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Exploits Islands	Map	9 U 18
Distributing Office		Same			

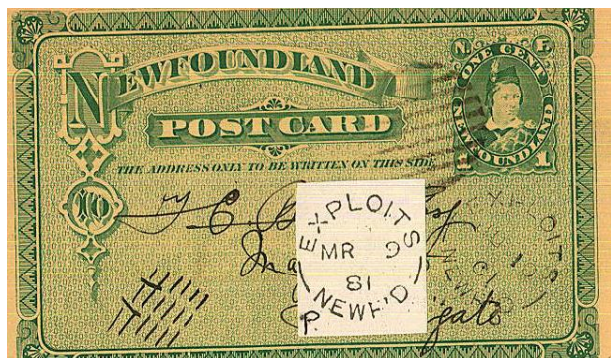
Both Offices of Exploits and Exploits Harbour were located on the Exploits Islands. There were two large Islands with a "Tickle" (Newfspeak for channel) running between. The two offices were on opposite sides of the Tickle. Exploits Harbour opened much earlier but closed sooner. Open as a way office with Thomas A. Wisner as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1889 with Thomas as first Postmaster. Mails were weekly from Lewisporte by boat in Summer and from Lewisporte by courier over the ice in Winter. One split ring seen.



EXPLOITS

Open	1912	Closed	August 06 1968	Population	296
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Exploits Islands	Map	9 U 18
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster is not known. PM in 1931 was William N. Winsor. Mails in Summer were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde. In Winter from Lewisporte by courier over the ice. Two split rings seen. All of Exploits Islands were abandoned in 1968.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



FAIR HAVEN

Open	1947	Closed	Still Open	Population	142
Bay	Placentia	Location	"Neck" of Avalon Peninsula	Map	20 F 23
Distributing Office		Same			

Previously called Famish Cove and was a post office under that name from 1903 to 1947. Postmaster was Mrs. Joseph Collett. PM on December 08 1948 was Mrs. Ernest Collett. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 from Tickle Harbour station. This location used the NEWF'D CDS hammer.

Note also a manuscript Registration box. PB means Placentia Bay.



FAIR ISLAND

Open	1889	Closed	December 21 1961	Population	212
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Wareham-Centreville	Map	10 X 23
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office with James Brown as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with James as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Kenneth Hounsell who, was also telegraph operator. PM and To on September 22 1948 was Miss Inez B. Eddy. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff. One split ring was used for the entire life of this office. Fair Island was abandoned in 1961 with the island's population moving to the Wareham-Centreville area.



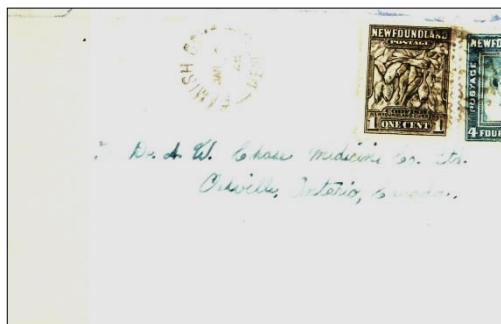
FAMISH COVE

Open	1903	Closed	1947	Population	119
Bay	Placentia	Location	"Neck" of Avalon Peninsula	Map	20 F 23
Distribution Office		Same			

Renamed Fair Haven in 1947. First Postmaster was John Cramm. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Joseph Collett. Mails were daily by Trs. 1 and 2 from Tickle Harbour station. One split ring exists.



courtesy Murray Smith



FARMER'S ARM

Open	1900	Closed	1914	Population	293
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was Mrs. M.E. Boyd. Other than it existed, virtually nothing is known of this office.



courtesy Doug Hannan

FELIX COVE

Open	1914	Closed	1931	Population	77
Bay	St. Georges	Location	Port au Port Peninsula	Map	5 A 4
Distributing Office		Port au Port			

First Postmaster was Daniel Hall. PM in 1931 was Rita Gillis. Mails were from Stephenville Crossing station daily Trs. 1 and 2 via Port au Port. A split ring proof exists for this office. STG for St. George.



FEMME

Open	1912	Closed	June 12 1957	Population	76
Bay	Fortune	Location	Bay de L'Eau	Map	19 F 19
Distributing Office			English Harbour East		

First Postmaster Wilson Dodge. PM in 1931 was Mrs. William Dodge. Mails were weekly from Argentina by S.S. Glencoe via English Harbour East. One split ring seen.



FERMEUSE RIVERHEAD

Open	1903	Closed	1940	Population	232
Bay	Ocean	Location	"Irish Loop" Southern Shore	Map	21 J 26 (approximate)
Distributing Office			Fermeuse		

First Postmaster was John Morry. PM in 1931 was Mrs. J. Kenny. Mails were daily by Southern Shore Railway and/or courier via Fermeuse.



courtesy Doug Hannan

FERMEUSE SOUTH SIDE

Open	1891	Closed	Not known		
Bay	Ocean	Location	"Irish Loop" Southern Shore	Map	21 J 27 (Kingmans)
Distributing Office			Fermeuse		

First Postmaster was John O'Shaughnessy . PM in 1931 was Mrs. J. O'Shaughnessy. Mails were daily by Southern Shore Railway and/or courier via Fermeuse.



FERMEUSE ADMIRAL'S COVE

Open	1909	Closed	1931	Population	139
Bay	Ocean	Location	"Irish Loop" Southern Shore	Map 21	J 27
Distributing Office	Fermeuse				

This office reopened after Confederation under the name of Port Kirwan from July 04 1962 to September 30 1970. First Postmaster was Mrs. F.M. O'Neil who, was still in that position in 1931. Mails were daily by Southern Shore Railway and/or courier via Fermeuse.



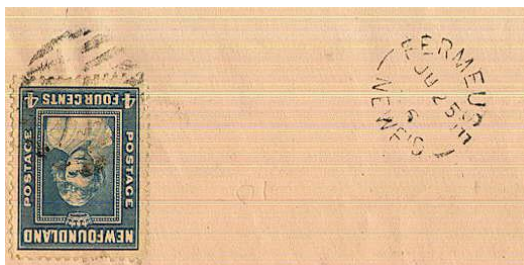
FERMEUSE

Open	1872	Closed	Still Open	Population	1951
Bay	Ocean	Location	"Irish Loop" Southern Shore	Map 21	J 26
Distributing Office	Same				

Open as a way office with John King as first waykeeper, followed by John Connell in 1873 and William Trainor in 1882. Became a post office in 1891 with William as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was not listed. Mails were daily by Southern Shore Railway and/or courier. Two split rings seen. Major difference is spelling Fermuse as opposed to FermEuse.



Ssplit ring No. 1 split ring No. 2 ?



FERROLLE

Open	1912	Closed	1931	Population	31
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Great Northern Peninsula	Map 1	L 11 (New Ferolle)
Distributing Office	Same				

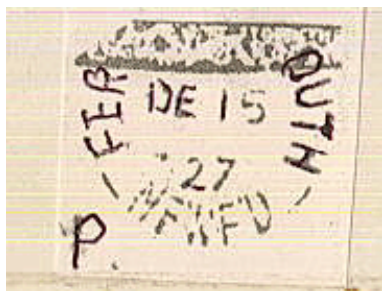
First Postmaster was Patrick Rumboldt who, still held the position in 1931. Mails in Summer were weekly from Humbermouth by S.S. Sagona. In Winter from Deer Lake station up the Great Northern Mail Road by courier. One split ring proof seen. STS OF B (I is missing) means Straits of Belle Isle.



FERRYLAND SOUTH

Open	1928	Closed	1929	Population	Not known
Bay	Ocean	Location	"Irish Loop" Southern Shore	Map 19	J 27
Distributing Office		Ferryland			

First and only Postmaster was Richard Barnstable. Mails were daily by Southern Shore Railway and/or courier via Ferryland. One incomplete proof exists.

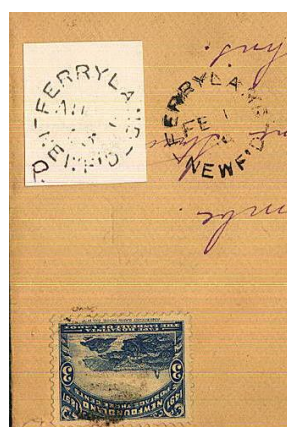
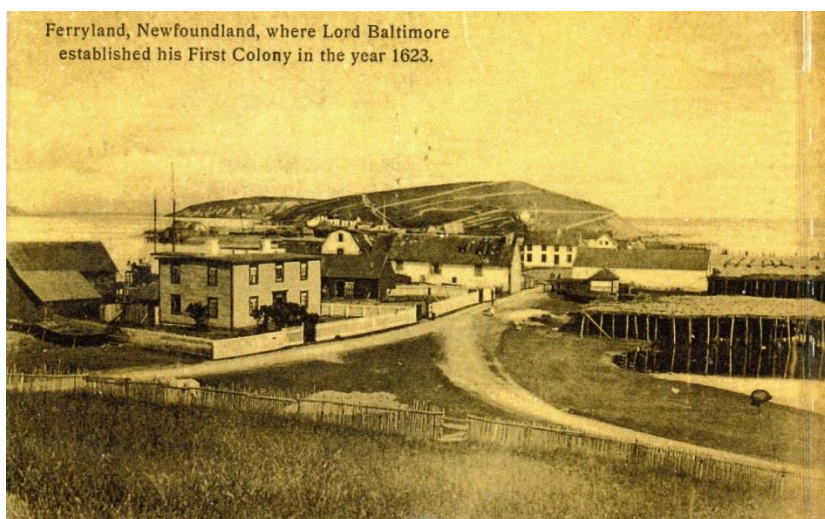


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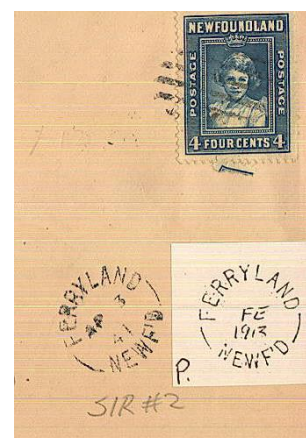
FERRYLAND

Open	1851	Closed	Still Open	Population	549
Bay	Ocean	Location	"Irish Loop" Southern Shore	Map 21	J 27
Distributing Office		Same			

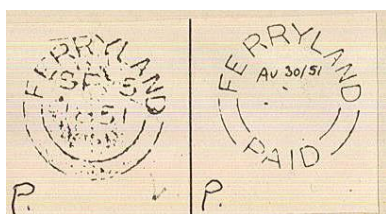
First Postmaster was John Morry. PM in 1900 was Thomas G. Morry. PM in 1931 was Clara Costello. Mails were daily by Southern Shore Railway and/or courier. Two split Rings are illustrated.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



FISHOT ISLANDS

Open	1910	Closed	1980	Population	67
Bay	White	Location	Great Northern Peninsula	Map	2 K 15
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Bridget Cromley who, still held the position in 1931. Mails in Summer were fortnightly from Lewisporte by S.S. Earl of Devon. In Winter by courier from Deer Lake station over the ice via Hampden and Northwest Arm and Conche. Two split rings exist.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2

FLAT ISLANDS BONAVIDA

Open	July 1882	Closed	September 15 1978	Population	417
Bay	Bonavista	Location	Bonavista Bay	Map	10 Y 23 (Great Black)
Distribution Office		Same			

Open as a way office in 1882 with John Bartlett as waykeeper and J. Sampson in 1883, Zebedee Bailey in 1884, Mary Hicks in 1887 and Hannah Simpson in 1890. Became a post office in 1891 with Hannah as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Alfreda J. Butt. PM in 1942 was C.L. Pickett. PM on May 01 1948 was Dawson Hiscock. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff.

One misspelled Split ring No "S" in Islands exists. This misspelling was actually used for many years.



misspelled ILAND



FLAT ISLANDS BURIN

Open	April 1876	Close	September 02 1952	Population	113
Bay	Placentia	Location	Off Burin Peninsula	Map 19 H 19	(Davis Island)
Distributing Office		St. Josephs PB			

Renamed Davis Island and later still became Port Elizabeth, finally closing under that name on August 18 1969. Open as a way office with F. Stowe as waykeeper and Henry M. Crann in 1879. First Postmaster was Henry. PM in 1931 was Muriel Bailey who, was also telegraph operator. Postmaster and TO in 1948 was Miss Eleanor D. Moulton. Mails were weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe via St. Josephs. One split ring seen.



FLAT ROCK BDV

Open	1920	Closed	1931	Population	206
Bay	Conception	Location	Near Carbonear	Map 17 E 25	(Freshwater)
Distributing Office		Carbonear			

First Postmaster was W. Butt. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Arthur Pottle. Mails were by Conception Bay Railway via Carbonear. No proofs or strikes seen. BDV for Bay de Verde (District).

FLAT BAY ST. GEORGES

Open	1916	Closed	April 20 1970	Population	97
Bay	St. Georges	Location	Stephenville area	Map 6 A 5	
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was David Benoit. who, was also PM in 1931. Officially (re)opened on December 01 1943. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 at Flat Bay station. One split ring seen.



FLAT ROCK ST. JOHN'S EAST

Open	1890	Closed	April 27 1970	Population	478
Bay	Ocean	Location	Near Torbay	Map	17 E 27
Distributing Office		Torbay			

Open as a way office with James Burke as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with James as first Postmaster, followed by Kate Allan in 1899. PM in 1931 was still Kate Allan. Mails were daily at 12 noon from St. John's by wagon via Torbay. It would appear that one split ring was in use during the entire period. St. J for St. John's.



FLEUR de LYS

Open	1907	Closed	Still Open	Population	289
Bay	White	Location	Baie Verte Peninsula	Map	4 R 14
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was John S. Walsh. PM in 1931 was Helena Traverse. Miss Theresa Lewis was appointed PM on July 01 1939. Mails in Summer were fortnightly from Lewisporte by S.S. Earl of Devon. In Winter from Deer Lake station by courier via Hampden and Western Arm. One split ring seen but obviously there was an earlier one. WB for White Bay.



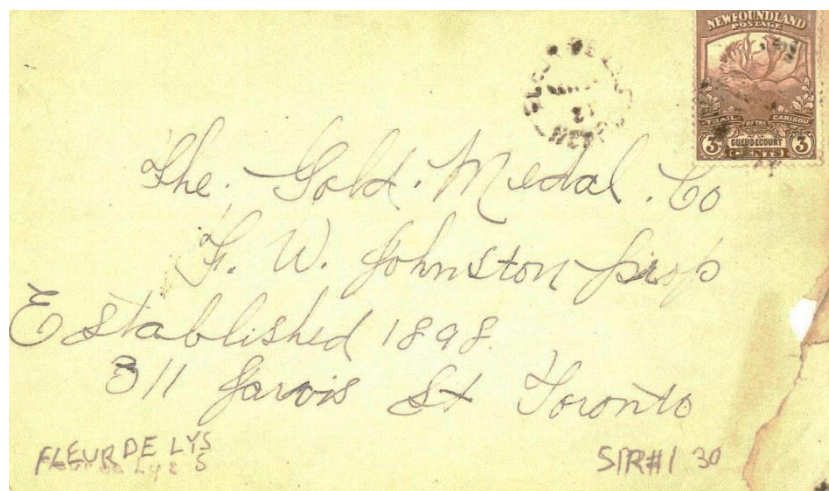
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1 of 2 different
Registration gummed label



2 of 2 different
Registration gummed label



FLOWERS COVE

Open	1883	Closed	Still Open	Population	284
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	Great Northern Peninsula	Map 1	J 12
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office with James Wilcox as first waykeeper and Richard Norman in 1886. Became a post office in 1891 with Henry Norman as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Sarah Way. PM and TO H.J. Carter "will take up duties on arrival of Northern Ranger". Ship arrived September 04 1937. PM in 1942 was Miss Olive House. Mails in Summer were weekly from Humbermouth by S.S. Sagona. In Winter from Deer Lake station by courier up the Great Northern Mail Road. The post card gives an indication of Winter mail time. Posted at Flowers Cove Dec. 16 1896, arrival backstamp St. John's March 08 1897. Two split rings exist for this location.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



FOGO

Open	1851	Closed	Still Open	Population	1037
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Fogo Island	Map 10	T 21
Distributing Office		Same			

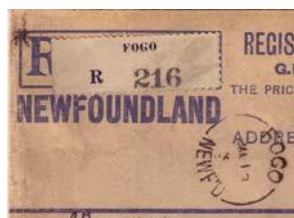
Open as a post office with James Fitzgerald as first Postmaster. PM in 1891 was Ambrose Fitzgerald. PM in 1931 was James E. Fitzgerald. Mails in Summer were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Home. In Winter from Lewisporte by courier over the ice via Twillingate and Change Islands. Two split rings seen.



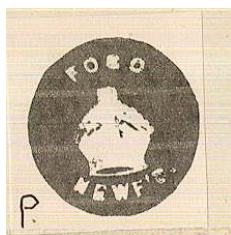
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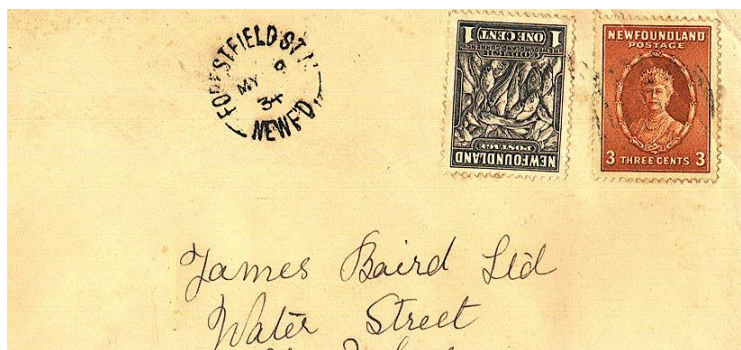
courtesy Jim Leutje



FOREST FIELD

Open	1930	Closed	1937	Population	26
Bay	St. Marys	Location	Salmonier Arm	Map 21	H 25
Distributing Office		Holyrood			

Reopened after Confederation from February 20 1951 until March 29 1968. First Postmaster was David Power. Mails were from Holyrood by courier. A split ring proof is seen. St. M for St. Marys.



FORTEAU

Open	1892	Closed	Still Open	Population	229
Bay	Strait of Belle Isle	Location	South Labrador	Map 1	H 11
Distribution Office		Same			

No Postmasters names are available for Labrador. Mails in Summer were weekly from Humbermouth by S.S. Sagona. In Winter sporadically by dog team from Quebec. Two split rings exist. The earlier read NEWFD on the bottom. Readers are reminded that further information is available in "A Pre-Confederation Postal History of Labrador" by Kevin O'Reilly Pgs. 4, 5 and 6.



circa 1949 Elmer Harp
Lives & Landscapes



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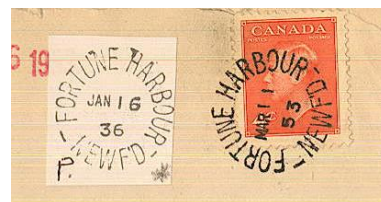
FORTUNE HARBOUR

Open	July 1874	Closed	September 21 1970	Population	365
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Bay of Exploits	Map	9 U 17
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office with Richard Hamilton as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Richard as first Postmaster. PM in 1898 was Mathias Glavine. PM in 1931 was Mrs. M. Smith who, was also telegraph operator. PM in 1938 was Miss Gladys M. Edwards. PM and TO in 1942 was Wm. J. Carey. Mails in Summer were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde. In Winter from Lewisporte by courier over the ice via Exploits. Three split rings seen. It would be difficult to separate the 2nd and 3rd ones.



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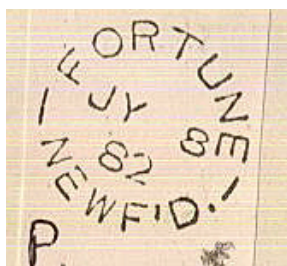
split ring No. 3



FORTUNE

Open	1864	Closed	Still Open	Population	960
Bay	Fortune	Location	Tip of Burin Peninsula	Map	18 J 15
Distributing Office		Same			

Open as a way office in 1864 with G.T. Haddock as first waykeeper, followed by Henry J. Haddon in 1871 and John E. Lake in 1882. Became a post office in 1887 with John as first Postmaster. PM in 1898 was Amelia Bennett. PM in 1931 was Hattie Bennett who, was also telegraph operator. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia. Fortune was one of very few offices to have used the "fancy" circular devices. Two split rings seen. The second was still in use in 1966.



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



courtesy "Newfoundland: 1865 - 1879
A Cover Story by Sammy Whaley

FOSTER'S POINT

Open	1901	Closed	1945	Population	92
Bay	Trinity	Location	Random Island	Map 16 C 23	(Weybridge)
Distributing Office		Lady Cove			

Renamed Weybridge , but no office existed under that name. First Postmaster was Mrs. J. Leawood. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Ellis Reid. Mails were weekly from Clarendville by S.S. Susu via Lady Cove. One split ring seen.



FOX COVE BONAVIDA

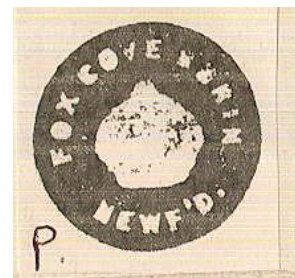
Open	1906	Closed	1912	Population	225
Bay	Bonavista	Location	New West Valley area	Map 10 W 24	(Templeman)
Distributing Office		Wesleyville			

Renamed Templeman in 1912 and is still open under that name. First Postmaster was Henry Melindy. Mails were weekly from Port Blandford by S.S. Malakoff via Wesleyville. No proofs or strikes seen but may have read BB for Bonavista Bay.

FOX COVE BURIN

Open	1904	Closed	May 20 1970	Population	157
Bay	Placentia	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map 19 J 18	
Distributing Office		Burin			

First Postmaster was Mrs. Christopher Antle. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Felix Antle. There must have been a closed period as an official entry lists this office as (re)opening on August 19 1942. It may have closed in 1931 along with all of the others from that year. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia via Burin. One split ring proof exists.



one of the few NEWF'D CDS hammers and a "Last Day Cover"

FOX COVE

Open	1882	Closed	1931	Population	151
Bay	Fortune	Location	Burin peninsula	Map 19 G 17	(general area)
Distributing Office		Garnish ??			

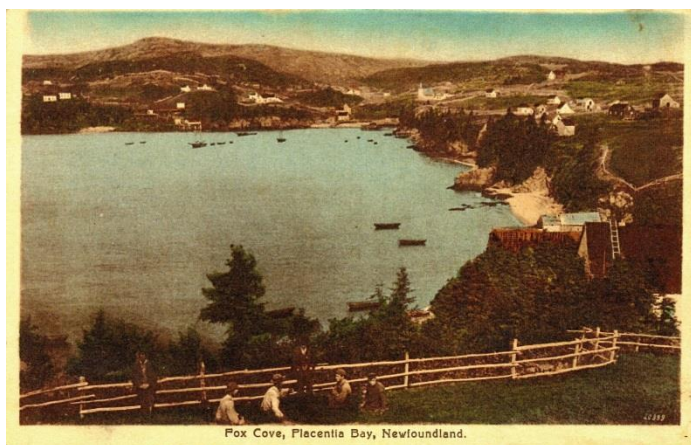
Open as a way office in 1882 with Charles Clinton as first waykeeper, followed by Alice Hearn in 1887 and Mrs. Alice Fewer (married ?) in 1890. Became a post office in 1891 with Alice as first Postmaster, followed by Selina Power in 1898 and George Power in 1900. PM in 1931 was Mrs. E. Brace who, was also telegraph operator. Mails were from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe via Garnish. One split ring proof exists.



FOX HARBOUR PLACENTIA

Open	April 1889	Closed	Still Open	Population	432
Bay	Placentia	Location	Placentia Sound	Map 20 G 23	
Distributing Office		Placentia			

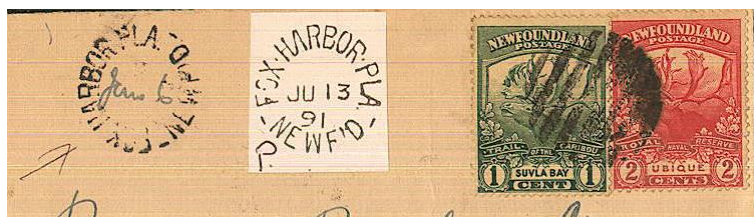
Open as a way office in 1889 with Mrs. Bridget Duke as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Bridget as first Postmaster. PM in 1931 was Mrs. E. Brace. Mails were by Placentia Bay Railway via Placentia. One split ring seen.



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Pre-confederation straight line



FOX HARBOUR TRINITY

Open	1886	Closed	1913	Population	97
Bay	Trinity	Location	Southwest Arm Random Sound Map 16 C 24 (Southport)		
Distributing Office		Same			

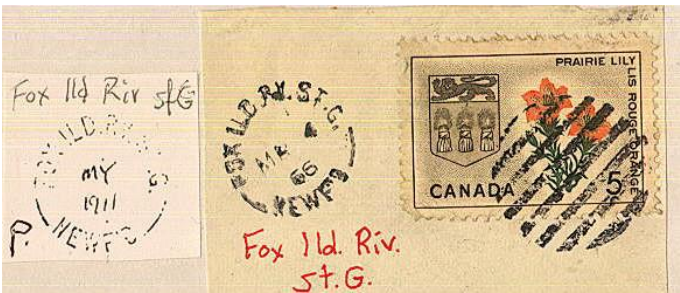
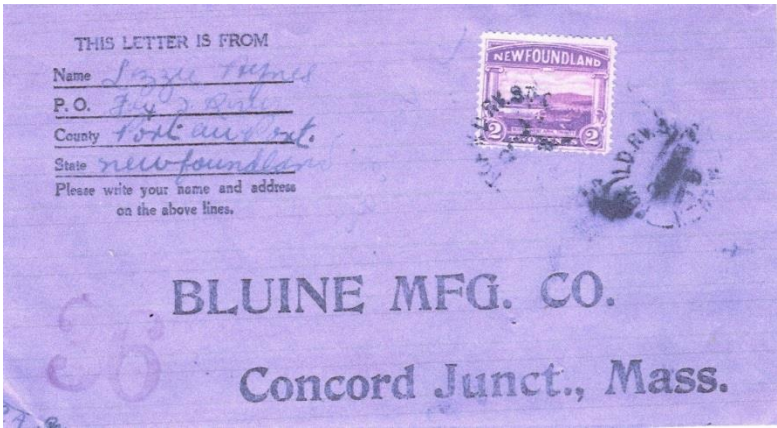
Renamed Southport in 1913 and continued to operate under that name until 1931. Open as a way office in 1886 with Eliza Seward as waykeeper. Became a post office in 1891 with Eliza as first Postmaster followed by Minnie Alcock in 1894 and Sophie Adney in 1899. Mails were weekly from Clarendville by S.S. Susu. One split ring proof exists.



FOX ISLAND RIVER

Open	1911	Closed	July 15 1969	Population	53
Bay	Port Au Port	Location	Port Au Port	Map 5	Z 4
Distributing Office		Port Au Port			

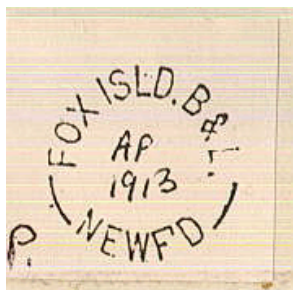
First Postmaster was Samuel R. Parsons. PM in 1931 was Joseph Hynes. Mails were from Stephenville Crossing station Trs. 1 and 2 via Port Au Port. ST. G for St. Georges (district).



FOX ISLAND

Open	1902	Closed	1931	Population	203
Bay	Ocean	Location	South Coast Ramea area	Map 13 F 10	
Distributing Office		Ramea			

Reopened after Confederation under the name of Bonald's Island from April 19 1954 until July 08 1957. First Postmaster was Charles Warren. PM in 1931 was Samuel F. Hayman. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia via Ramea. One proof is seen from 1913, there must have been an earlier device. B&L for Burgeo and La Poile (district.)



FOX ROOST

Open	1899	Closed	1931	Population	80
Bay	Ocean	Location	Port Aux Basques area	Map 11 F 3	
Distributing Office		Port Aux Basques			

Fox Roost is Newspeak for "Fosse Rouge" or Red Gully according to Farley Mowat. First Postmaster was Morgan Walters. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Morgan Walters. Mails were from Port Aux Basques Trs. 1 and 2. No proofs or strikes seen.



One Hundred Outports
Ben Hansen

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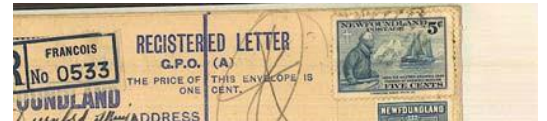
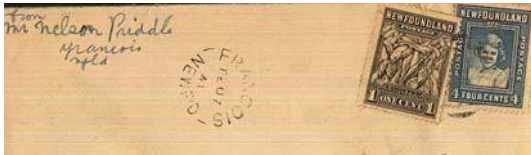
Open	1907	Closed	1931	Population	596
Bay	Conception	Location	Conception Bay South	Map 21 F 26	
Distributing Office		Same			

First Postmaster was Richard Dearin. PM in 1931 was Mrs. George Jones. Mails were daily Trs. 1 and 2 at Foxtrap station. No proofs or strikes seen.

FRANCOIS

Open	1896	Closed	Still Open	Population	327
Bay	Ocean	Location	South Coast	Map	13 F 12
Distributing Office		Same			

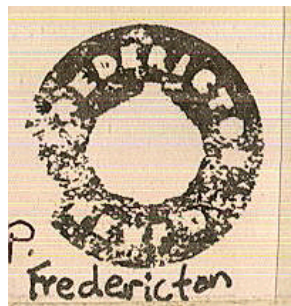
Pronounced "Fransway" by locals. First Postmaster was George Kinslow. PM in 1931 was Violet Touchings who, was also telegraph operator. PM and TO in 1936 was Miss May Touchings. On October 15 1937, Miss Gladys Roberts was appointed PM and TO. PM and TO in 1942 was Miss M. Bagg. The itinerant Albert Sodero was also listed as PM and TO in August of 1942. This man apparently held office in several South Coast locations during the 30's and 40's. Mails were weekly from Argentia by S.S. Glencoe. One split ring seen and was still in use in 1956.



FREDERICTON

Open	1901	Closed	April 01 1989	Population	172
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	Hamilton Sound	Map	9/10 V 20/21
Distributing Office		Carmanville			

Reopened with two successive retail offices, the latter of which closed in 2004. First Postmaster was Frederick Scott. PM in 1931 was Mrs. Charles Wheaton. PM in 1937 was Miss B. Pond. PM in 1937 was S. Wheaton. PM in 1942 was Miss Ruby C. Wheaton. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Home via Carmanville.



FRENCHMAN'S COVE BAY OF ISLANDS

Open	1899	Closed	1972	Population	122
Bay	Bay of Islands	Location	Humber Arm	Map	6 X 6
Distributing Office		Humbermouth			

Reopened with a retail outlet which is still open. First Postmaster was George Wheeler. PM in 1931 was Mrs. George Wheeler. PM in 1937 was Mrs. William Wheeler. Mails were twice weekly from Humbermouth by S.S. George L. No proofs or strikes seen.

FRENCHMAN'S COVE BURIN

Open	1911	Closed	May 02 1988	Population	213
Bay	Fortune	Location	Burin Peninsula	Map	19 H 17
Distributing Office		Garnish			

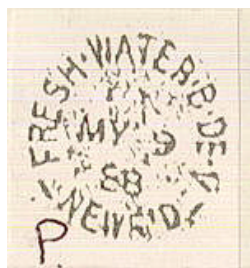
This location has had a succession of five retail offices, the latest of which is still open. First Postmaster was Cecilia Cluett who, still held the position in 1931. PM on April 01 1948 was Mrs. John Nolan. Mails were weekly from St. John's by S.S. Portia. One split ring was in use here. G for Garnish.



FRESHWATER BAY DE VERDE

Open	1891	Closed	August 06 1970	Population	372
Bay	Conception	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was William S. Davis. PM in 1931 was Alex Parsons who, was also telegraph operator. Two split rings seen. B DE V for Bay De Verde (district).



split ring No. 1



split ring No. 2



courtesy Malcolm Back

FRESHWATER CARBONEAR

Open	1879	Closed	1949	Population	560
Bay	Conception	Location	Near Carbonear	Map	17 E 25
Distributing Office		Carbonear			

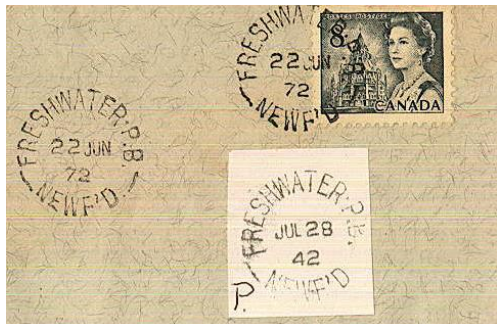
This was the first of the myriad Freshwaters and as such it has no bay designation on the instrument. Open as a way office in 1879 with William Lamb as waykeeper and William S. Davis in 1887. Became a post office in 1891 with Davis as first Postmaster. PM in 1898 was Matthew Callahan. PM in 1931 was not listed. Mails were by Conception Bay Railway via Carbonear. One split ring seen.



FRESHWATER PLACENTIA BAY

Open	1941	Closed	Still Open	Population	213
Bay	Placentia	Location	"Suburb" of Placentia	Map	20 H 22
Distributing Office		Placentia			

An opening date of 1911 is shown in NSSC. The surviving postmarked material does not substantiate this. All known strikes begin in 1941 plus a proof for 1942. No Postmasters are listed so the office was not in existence in 1931. Postmaster in 1942 was Thomas Meade. Mails would have been by Placentia Bay Railway via Placentia/Argentia. One proof seen. This split ring was still in use in 1972, a not uncommon occurrence in Newfoundland. PB for Placentia Bay.



FRESHWATER BELL ISLAND

Open	1910	Closed	1931	Population	155
Bay	Conception	Location	Bell Island	Map	17 E 26
Distributing Office		Bell Island			

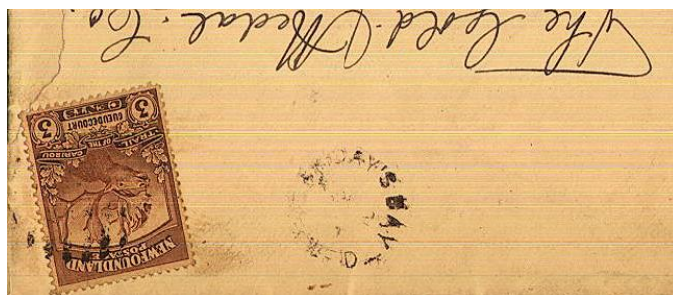
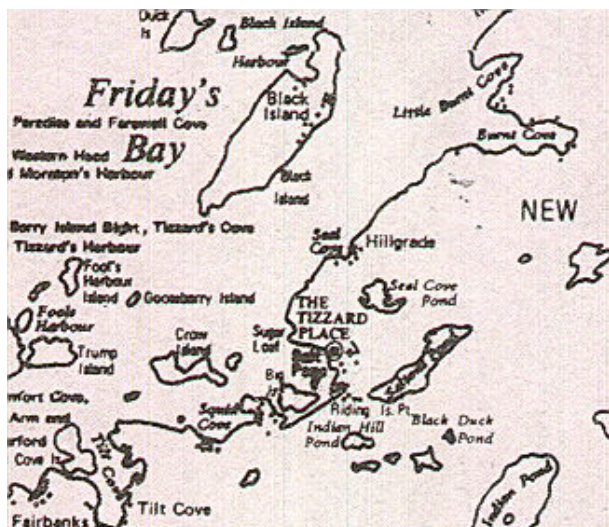
First Postmaster was George Parsons. PM in 1931 was Harvey Parsons. Mails were daily from St. John's by wagon and ferry via Bell Island. One split ring seen. BI for Bell Island.



FRIDAY'S BAY

Open	1909; maybe 1906	Closed	1933	Population	360
Bay	Notre Dame	Location	New World Island	Map 9 U 19 (general area)	
Distributing Office		Twillingate??			

This office may have opened in 1906 ref. "On Sloping Ground" pg. 56 ISBN 0-919519-50-4. This book was written by Aubrey Tizzard, the grandson of Thomas Tizzard. First Postmaster was Thomas Tizzard. PM in 1931 was Caleb Tizzard. This Office was renamed Salt Pans in 1933. This office, along with Salt Pans and Seal Cove amalgamated in 1938 to become Hillgrade. Mails were weekly from Lewisporte by S.S. Clyde. One split ring seen.



Note that Seal Cove and Fridays Bay, along with that of Salt Pans, were more or less in the same general area. Map from book "ON SLOPING GROUND" by Aubrey Tizzard. Breakwater Press. ISBN 0-9195150-4.

FULFORD'S

Open	1928	Closed	1931	Population	Not known
Bay	Placentia	Location	Not known		
Distributing Office		Not known			

First Postmaster was Mrs. David Kelly. PM in 1931 was Mrs. John Lambe. One partial strike seen.



courtesy John Oldford